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Condo owners may be losing millions

Crime. Fraud 'plaguing' property holders at rates 'much more widespread than one would like to believe': Advocate



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Two condo owners in downtown Toronto became fraud

detectives when they learned that the contractor their condo corporation paid \$142,000 for low-flow toilets had disappeared.

In North York, a new condo-board president uncovered his property manager's \$1-million embezzlement.

Meanwhile, contractors Metro spoke to say fees in some condos are high because the bid rigging and kickbacks in their industry inflate the costs of maintenance and repairs.

"Condo owners in Ontario

lose millions of dollars a year because of bid rigging and fraud," alleges Anne-Marie Ambert, a retired York University sociology professor who was recently on the expert panel of the Ministry of Consumer Services' review of the Condominium Act.

The ministry is planning to update the legislation that governs condo corporations for the first time in 15 years. Recommendations are expected this fall.

Ambert represented the interests of condo owners on

the panel. She also runs the online Condo Information Centre.

Over four years, she's received 2,800 letters from condo owners, managers, board members, contractors and lawyers. Over half of them alleged financial problems, including rigged contract bidding, kickbacks, fraud and outright theft.

"It's plaguing condo owners," she said. "We're aware of it when there's a big scandal that goes into the news, but how widespread? I

think it's much more widespread than one would like to believe."

Det. Sgt. Cam Field of Toronto police's financial-crimes unit agrees. He said the unit has ongoing investigations into suspected cases of major condo fraud.

"Right now in Toronto there are condo corporations that have lost almost their entire reserve funds and other funds because of criminal behaviour on the part of their board or the property manager," said Field.

Field said the frauds his unit has investigated have left owners devastated and their condo funds bankrupt.

"That's bad enough on its own, but, taking that another step, if you want to sell your condo, a diligent buyer is going to look at the health of that condo corporation, look at the books, and say, 'This condo corporation is in a world of hurt and I'm not buying this unit,'" he said.

FOR THE FULL STORY ON CONDO FRAUD AND THE CONDOMINIUM ACT REVIEW, TURN TO PAGES 12 AND 13.



LOVE WITH A DESI TWIST

Actress Parineeti Chopra waves to fans at the premiere of her film *A Random Desi Romance* at Roy Thomson Hall on Wednesday. Chopra defies socially conservative Bollywood mores in the film, playing a promiscuous, chain-smoking participant in a love triangle between three young people trying to scrape out a semi-legal living in Jaipur, India's famous "Pink City." More TIFF coverage, pages 30-35.

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Irreconcilable differences

Vaughan is just not that into OMB, wants to break up



Adam Vaughan
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A controversial Ontario Municipal Board decision has inspired a councillor's vision for a made-in-Toronto version of the quasi-judicial panel.

Coun. Adam Vaughan wants to enact a section of the City of Toronto Act that allows the city to assume control of the process that governs planning when it relates to minor variances.

The city recently lost a seven-year fight over an illegally built addition to a house in Harbord Village when the OMB ruled in favour of the homeowners.

If the city were to set up its own board, it could take on issues like the Tseng family's home addition, built without permits, and leave the OMB as an appeal board to deal with squabbles over big developments.

Vaughan has been livid with the OMB for a long time, but it reached a boiling point after the board found in favour of the Tseng's addition.

The case dragged on through divisional courts, a committee-of-adjustment hearing and two OMB hearings. All decisions went in favour of the city except the last, which came down in mid-July.

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Scarborough subway scheme off track: Stintz

Never-ending story? In the seemingly endless transit debate the TTC chair is questioning the feasibility of Glen Murray's \$1.4B plan

TTC chair Karen Stintz is casting more doubt on prospects for the province's shorter Scarborough subway plan after a meeting with Premier Kathleen Wynne.

Standing solidly behind city council's position that a subway extension should go all the way

from Kennedy Station to Sheppard Ave., Stintz emerged from a half-hour meeting Wednesday wondering aloud about the Liberal scheme to end the route at Scarborough Town Centre.

Transportation Minister Glen Murray floated the plan last week, promising \$1.4 billion in funding and challenging the city and federal government to put up more cash if they want a longer route.

"Minister Murray has put forward another solution, idea, that he believes can be built without council," Stintz said as reporters followed her out of the legislature.

"So right now, it's unclear

'Not a subway'

"There's financial holes, because the minister hasn't included a number of key things in the plan ... so we know it's not a fully funded plan. And we also don't know if it's technically feasible."

TTC chair Karen Stintz

to me how we move this forward if it's deemed technically unfeasible. ... Minister Murray has a different proposal and the province is going to decide how to spend their money."

Asked if there could be a compromise between the city council and government positions on a route, Stintz replied:

"That's a question for the premier."

Stintz called the plan "not a subway" because it would run on elevated lines from Kennedy to a stop at Lawrence and on to the town centre, where the Scarborough rapid transit line now stops.

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Rumours of my demise have been greatly exaggerated

Popular TDSB trustee Irene Atkinson was on life support for more than three months following a two-alarm fire in her High Park home. Against all odds, she attended the first board meeting of the year Wednesday, because she has actually recovered. Atkinson fought her way back through an induced coma, life support, intense treatment to wash the smoke out of her lungs, two bouts of pneumonia, gruelling physiotherapy and ongoing rehab programs to emerge as her old feisty, political self. Just before the meeting, she shows off a shirt she got just for the occasion. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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HuffPo founder says women will lead 'third revolution'

Arianna Huffington. Professional women told to remember rest and well-being



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Arianna Huffington told Toronto's "women of influence" in a luncheon speech Wednesday the next women's revolution will require taking time for themselves.

Huffington, president and editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post, was the featured speaker at the series hosted by Women of Influence, an organization dedicated to the advancement of professional women across North America.

She used the speech to promote her "Third Metric" campaign, wherein money and

power are two metrics of success and well-being is the third.

"When you think of women's revolutions, we first had the revolution that gave us the vote, the second women's revolution was about access and being able to have an equal place at the top of every field and every profession, equal opportunities and equal pay," she said.

"The third revolution is about changing the workplace and it's going to be led by women. It's going to be led by women because you guys designed the workplace and it's not working."

When women "redefine" the workplace as a place with less stress and sleeplessness, men will be grateful, she said. Today, men equate sleep deprivation with virility.

"I had dinner with a guy who boasted about getting only four hours sleep the night before and I wanted to say — I

didn't say, but I wanted to say — 'You know what? If you got five this dinner would have been a lot more interesting,'" she said to laughter and applause.

While Huffington Post has come under fire for its policy of not paying bloggers, its employees have two nap rooms, as well as yoga and meditation classes.

"These nap rooms are always full now," Huffington said. "The other day ... I saw two people coming out of the nap room. And I thought to myself, 'Whatever it takes to recharge you, just don't tell HR.'"

Huffington's opening anecdote spoke of her life in the upper echelons of academia and American public life as well as her immigration from Greece.

Asked by Metro after the speech about women who don't have the privilege to lead lives where they can afford the time to sleep well and devote themselves to self-care, Huffington said



Arianna Huffington spoke at the Deloitte Women of Influence luncheon series in Toronto on Wednesday. Her keynote highlighted redefining success in the workplace by incorporating what she calls the 'Third Metric.' CONTRIBUTED

the women who do should support them. "Empathy, compassion and giving back are special elements of the

Third Metric, so women who have succeeded have a special responsibility to support women who are struggling.

Indeed, as Madeleine Albright said: There's a place in Hell reserved for women who don't help other women."

Trillium issues health alert for 3,500 patients



Michelle DiEmanuele at Mississauga's Credit Valley hospital, pictured standing in this file photo. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Trillium Health has sent letters to 3,500 patients to alert them that there may be problems with mammograms and CT scans they had done there.

Hospital president Michelle DiEmanuele and chief of staff Dr. Dante Morra confirmed Wednesday evening that "performance issues" have been discovered with the radiologist who interpreted the results of the scans.

At least one patient of the

radiologist in question has been misdiagnosed, Morra said, offering no further details.

The 3,500 scans in question were done between April 1 last year and March 31 this year at Trillium's Mississauga Hospital and Queensway Health Centre sites.

The radiologist had his privileges at the hospital restricted on April 1 and has since stopped working there, Morra said. He worked at the

Past scans

Depending on the outcome of Yemen's review, Dante said it is possible that scans done prior to April 1 last year will be reviewed.

hospital for 33 years.

Problems with the radiologist's work were discovered during an internal quality assurance review of some of his

scans.

An external review of his work is now being led by Dr. Brian Yemen, Chief of Diagnostic Imaging at Hamilton's Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre and McMaster University Medical Centre at Hamilton Health Sciences. He is leading a team of more than 20 radiologists in taking a second look at the scans to see if the radiologist made mistakes in interpreting results. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Arab-Americans divided over Syria

'An elephant in the room'. Opposing viewpoints over U.S. intervention exposing tension in Middle Eastern communities

Sawsan Jabri and Osama Siblani share Middle Eastern roots and the American dream. They also represent dissension among Arab-Americans over Syria's civil war and ideological, political and regional differences.

Jabri, a doctor from Syria, teaches microbiology. Siblani came from Lebanon to be an engineer and publishes the influential Arab-American News.

Each speaks for opposing camps. Jabri is a spokeswoman for the Syrian Expatriates Organization, a lobbying and fundraising group that staged rallies in support of the U.S. backing rebels in Syria's civil

war. Siblani has opposed U.S. intervention through counter-demonstrations and the opinion pages of his newspaper.

When it comes to Syria, Siblani says, there's little room for agreement.

"I have been in this business for 29 years," he said. "I have never seen the community divided as much as we are divided today.... It is an elephant in the room all the time."

Siblani and Jabri agree that Syria has divided the U.S. Arab community despite a history of coexistence among religions, Islamic sects or countries.

"I don't know what's happened — people became more into everyone's identity," said Jabri, who contends that Assad's regime has used chemical weapons numerous times and he should be toppled and prosecuted. "The separation is not working in our direction."

Some of the rising tension reflects what's happening in community members' home-

A long history

Positions on Syria have highlighted Arab ties to the U.S. that date back more than a century, when immigrants from the Arab world started arriving en masse.

- The Syrian community in the U.S. is estimated to be about 150,000 people, but the number could be much higher if it reflected all those who trace their roots to early 20th-century Greater Syria.

lands. Lebanon and Syria share a complicated history and a web of political and sectarian ties and rivalries, and Syria's civil war next door has intensified divisions. "The situation gets very tense when you try to say who is responsible for what," Siblani said.

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12 years after 9/11, pain still strong for many

Carrie Bergonia of Pennsylvania looks over the name of her fiancé, firefighter Joseph Ogren, at the 9/11 Memorial in New York Wednesday during ceremonies marking the 12th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

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Even apes know importance of planning

Study. A sumatran orangutan will plot routes ahead of time and let out long whoop before setting out on heralded path

It's the ape equivalent of Google Maps and Facebook.

The night before a big trip, Arno the orangutan plots his journey and lets others know where he is going with a long, whooping call.

What he and his orangutan buddies do in the forests of Sumatra tells scientists that advance trip planning and social networking aren't just human traits,

A new study of 15 wild

Planing ahead

"This shows they are very much like us in this respect."

Study author Carel van Schaik, director of the Anthropological Institute at the University of Zurich

male orangutans finds that they routinely plot out their

next day treks and share their plans in long calls, so females can come by or track them, and competitive males can steer clear.

The researchers closely followed the males as they travelled on 320 days during the 1990s. The results were published Wednesday in the journal PLoS One.

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Apes plan ahead and "announce" their travel plans: Study. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Fort McMurray

Neil Young's anti-pipeline rant gets his music pulled

Neil Young can keep on talking in the free world, but Fort McMurray won't be listening.

A local rock radio station stopped playing the cranky legend's music for a day after he compared the oilsands city to Hiroshima after the bomb. With local opinion firmly against him, Young has been pulled from the Rock 97.9 playlist.

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Manitoba

Truck carrying beer crashes causing delays

Manitoba RCMP were overseeing mopping up operations after a truck carrying beer crashed.

Cranberry Portage RCMP say the semi was involved in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 10.

The driver was taken to hospital in Flin Flon and has been released.

But the highway was closed as officials cleaned up. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Premier Pauline Marois talks to reporters Wednesday about the charter of values. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PQ's charter gets influential support

Quebec. Civil-service union applauds the Parti Québécois for trying to keep government offices religiously neutral

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"I think we need to set clear guidelines for how we live together."

Quebec Premier Pauline Marois, in her first public comments since the plan's release Tuesday. On her way to a cabinet meeting Wednesday, the premier said she was "very proud" of the proposal.

The Parti Québécois' controversial charter of values has received the staunch support of an influential backer: a union representing provincial civil servants.

The SFPQ union, which has 42,000 members, applauds

the government for "finally" tabling a policy that would ensure the religious neutrality of government offices.

The PQ plan would forbid Quebec's public employees from wearing more visible re-

ligious symbols — including hijabs, turbans, yarmulkes and larger-than-average crucifixes.

"We're obliged to keep our political opinions to ourselves," union president Lucie Martineau said Wednesday.

"We want that extended to our religious opinions."

Other unions have said they plan to consult members before taking a position.

The plan would be the most sweeping in North America, and critics call it a bureaucratic mess, unconstitutional or even xenophobic.

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Harper's throne speech to start new session Oct. 16

A speech from the throne will usher in a new session of Parliament on Oct. 16.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will ask the Governor General on Friday to prorogue the current session of Parliament, which had been set to resume next Monday.

Harper has said he wants to lay out the government's agenda for the next two years, leading to a scheduled fall 2015 election, with the throne speech.

A spokesman for Harper said the speech from the throne will focus on jobs and the economy, the same core

issues that won the Conservatives a majority in 2011.

The Opposition NDP has promised to keep pressing the government for answers on the Senate spending scandal that has embroiled three high-profile former Tory senators.

The coming prorogation, which Harper had confirmed in August, has drawn criticism from political opponents who say the government is simply trying to dodge questions about the Senate scandal in the House of Commons.

"The No. 1 priority for this

government, I do not have to tell you, will continue to be jobs and the economy," Harper said during his annual tour of the Arctic last month.

Special emphasis is expected to be placed on cementing a European trade deal and pushing ahead with major energy projects.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, at a summer caucus meeting in Saskatoon, said Harper should never have delayed the return of Parliament.

"We've got very straightforward questions for Stephen Harper, and he can run but he can't hide." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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UBC. Student execs quit over frosh chant that appeared to endorse rape

Two student executives with the University of British Columbia's commerce undergraduate society have quit after a frosh-week chant recited by students appeared to endorse rape.

President Enzo Woo says the performance of the offensive chant at the society's orientation event on the Labour Day weekend should never have happened. He says the fact the chant is tradition isn't an excuse and doesn't make the offence less serious.

Gillian Ong, the society's vice-president of engagement, has also quit, saying she hopes the society is now free and clear

Not the first time

A similar incident at Saint Mary's University in Halifax recently prompted the resignation of the president of the student association.

to implement changes.

The society says it will end its annual frosh orientation event and will work with the Sauder School of Business to ensure any future activities are in line with a positive environment for new students.

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Long-term care

Advocate stands by mice-biting charge

A health-care advocacy group is standing by its claim that a disabled woman in a long-term care home in southern Alberta was bitten by mice.

The allegation made public earlier this week by Friends of Medicare is being refuted by the organization which runs the St. Therese Villa facility in Lethbridge. Covenant Health said there is no medical evidence that the woman was bitten by rodents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shooter won't get out of prison for 40 years

Security guard killings. Sentence based on 2011 law that allows consecutive parole terms for multiple murders



A judge has sentenced an armoured-car guard who gunned down four of his crewmates during a robbery to life in prison with no parole for at least 40 years.

Justice John Rooke accepted a joint submission from the Crown and Travis Baumgartner's defence lawyer.

The sentence is based on a federal law passed in 2011 that allows consecutive parole terms in cases involving multiple murders. The Crown has called it a first for Canada and the toughest sentence for a crime since the country's

last execution in 1962.

Baumgartner, 22, pleaded guilty earlier this week to one count of first-degree murder, two counts of second-degree murder and a charge of attempted murder.

He shot his fellow guards

during a routine night shift reloading bank machines at the University of Alberta in June 2012.

Court heard that Baumgartner was in debt after buying a new truck, owed friends money and had fought with his mother

about paying rent in the hours before the shooting.

Rooke said Baumgartner could simply have taken the money and run rather than leaving three people dead and a fourth seriously wounded.

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Insurance renewal time provides drivers with the perfect opportunity to make sure they're getting the best deal on car insurance. While drivers can shop around any time for quotes, there are several good reasons why renewal is the perfect time to compare current policy with what's available elsewhere.

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In addition to avoiding the penalties of early cancellation, you also make it easy on yourself when you change companies on renewal. You will simply pay the new company rather than renewing with the old. This keeps your payments steady and right when and where you expect them and have planned for them in your budget.

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How much money are Canadians making?

Statistics Canada's third and final release of the 2011 National Household Survey data illustrates, among other things, how much Canadians earn and where they live.

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The richest of the rich

For all the growing diversity the 2011 census and related surveys have portrayed in Canada, Wednesday's final release reveals a contrasting constant: the richest of the rich in Canada are married, middle-aged white men. The richest 10 per cent of individuals are making more than \$80,400. And the very rich — the 272,600 individuals that make up the top one per cent — are all making more than \$191,100. Those people are making an average of \$381,300 each, 10 times the average Canadian income of \$38,700.

House-poor Canadians

One-quarter of Canadian households, about 3.3 million, spent 30 per cent or more of their total income on shelter, exceeding the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's "affordability threshold." They paid an average of \$1,259 a month, surpassing the 30 per cent mark by an average of \$510. Sixty-nine per cent of households in Canada — 9.2 million out of 13.3 million — owned their dwelling in 2011, a marginal increase from 2006 compared with the more dramatic spikes in ownership of the previous 15 years. Four out of five households that purchased a home between 2006 and 2011 had a mortgage; one in five bought a condominium.



Diversity in the workplace

As immigrant populations become more established and as women gain ground in the workplace, the income data will slowly start to reflect the broader diversity of the population, said Doug Norris, chief demographer at Environics Analytics. "Over time, I think you'll see that diversity creeping in." Already, the NHS shows second-generation immigrants are making far more money than the national median. And ethnic groups that are well-established in Canada, such as Japanese immigrants, are also well above the median.

Student debt

Tuition fees to keep on rising, says think-tank

Canadian students hoping for some financial relief on the cost of their post-secondary education are in for disappointment over the next few years, a prominent think-tank suggests.

A report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives forecasts the inflation-adjusted cost of an undergraduate university degree is expected to climb an average of 8.6 per cent over the next four years.

The inflation-adjusted cost of tuition and other fees averaged \$2,243 across the country in 1990, the report showed. That figure had climbed to \$6,254 for the 2012-13 academic year and is projected to keep rising. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Keystone XL. Crusader stars in TV ads aimed at stopping the pipeline

American billionaire Tom Steyer's mission to stop the Keystone XL pipeline has gone into overdrive with the launch of an anti-pipeline TV-advertising campaign that will feature an ad this week-end from the site of a devastating oil-sands pipeline spill.

The next chapter in the four-part campaign, dubbed "Bringing Down TransCanada's House of Cards: The Keystone Chronicles," shows the Democratic mega-donor in Mayflower, Ark., where an underground ExxonMobil oil pipeline burst in March.

In the ad, set to air during this weekend's U.S. Sunday-morning political talk shows, Steyer makes the case that pipelines pose a real and present danger to anyone liv-

ing near them.

Residents of the lakeside Arkansas community say they're still suffering health effects after an estimated 5,000 barrels of oil-sands crude seeped from the pipeline and through a residential neighbourhood. One of the Mayflower home-owners who lives down-wind from the spill appears in the commercial.

"He was quite moved by what happened to these people," said Mike Casey, spokesman for Steyer's Next-Gen Climate Action. "The people who got it the worst in Mayflower weren't the ones whose basements were flooded; they were the people who lived down-wind and were exposed to air-borne toxins."

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Stolen money, kickbacks cost condo owners

'Dirty secrets.' Busy, uninformed residents make easy marks for greedy contractors and management



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When retired sociology professor Anne-Marie Ambert set up a website devoted to educating condo owners on their rights, people began to write her about their condo problems. When she posted some of the letters on her website, with the authors' names removed, more letters came in, along with complaints and confessions about the industry's "dirty secrets."

According to Ambert, one common problem is corruption related to maintenance and repairs.

Some letters sent to the Condo Information Centre are from contractors confessing to inflating their fees. They see the condo boards that make decisions as easy marks, especially those made up of owners in the building who have no expertise in property management or ac-

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"It can be a simple repair, and all of a sudden they're paying tens of thousands of dollars.... They could have got it for two or three if they'd gone to multiple bids and made an intelligent decision."

Toronto police Det. Sgt. Cam Field on condo property managers who single-source repairs in return for kickbacks

counting.

"I've had contractors tell me that they do it," she said. "Things like excessively padding bills, bid rigging."

The letters, available online at condoinformation.ca, also tell of board members and managers caught receiving kickbacks — such as renovations at their homes and envelopes of cash — in return for their support of a company's bid.

Det. Sgt. Cam Field, with the Toronto police financial-crimes unit, said the most common condo fraud is the kind Ambert describes, when property managers "receive kickbacks for basically single-sourcing, going to the same person over and over again, without meaningfully shopping for the lowest bidder or the bidder that makes the most sense."

"It can be a simple repair, and all of a sudden they're paying tens of thousands

of dollars for it, when they could have got it for two or three if they'd gone to multiple bids and made an intelligent decision about what to get."

The unit also investigates embezzlement.

"The other problem we have is where a property manager misappropriates reserve funds and other funds within a condo corporation or multiple condo corporations and uses that money for their own purposes," he said.

Field said those fraud investigations can follow a familiar pattern, starting with an owner who's paying attention.

"Usually, it gets uncovered by some rather intrepid residents who see things they don't like and start making inquiries, going to board meetings," he said.

Then, a forensic audit will be done at great expense to the property owners.



Judy Sue and William Stratas stand outside of their condo building downtown at 38 Elm St. Inspired by their investigation of the into business together as Eagle Audit, offering fraud-auditing and investigation services for condos. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

"That can cost upwards of a half-a-million dollars. For every dollar they get ripped off, they're going to spend a portion of it trying to figure how much they've lost," he said.

The police are planning to launch a social-media campaign that will urge condo owners to be vigilant about their building's finances to

protect their investment.

"A lot of us are incredibly busy," said Field. "It's a new economy where having more than one job is not uncommon and we're working harder for the same amount of money and we don't have the time — but what we tell people is please, please go to every condo-board meeting and listen to these people."

Field doesn't know how often condo corporations are defrauded.

"It's probably more often than people would think. As we speak right now there are condos being ripped off and in a certain, alarming number of cases, people never realize it and it will never be discovered. That's the frightening part."

Tales of greed

Contractors on the bad and the ugly

In his 20 years working in condos, Fred Rosen, president and CEO of Spectrum, a flooring company, says he has seen corruption, but he doesn't think it's a pervasive problem.

"I'd say you're probably looking at less than 10 per cent of managers and contractors who are corrupt," he said.

Sometimes, a manager will offer to help his company rig the bids for a job, he said.

"The manager calls you up and says, 'I'd like you to quote on the job.' And

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"Be leery if they're always from the same three companies, because someone who's a crook will have two other crooks to put in bids with him."

Fred Rosen, president and CEO of flooring company Spectrum, on looking out for bid rigging by companies

then he says, 'I'd like you to provide two other quotes for me.'"

Those quotes will be higher bids from other companies, which won't get the job — but will satisfy the board's requirement for competing bids.

"He can say that because he doesn't want to be bothered going through the whole exercise of the board, or he might say it because he prefers to work with you and doesn't want the board

to get mixed in — but it's his own agenda; he is deceiving someone from this point on," he said.

His company works in 700 to 800 buildings and he sees that scenario a couple of times a year, Rosen said.

"But maybe people don't approach us that frequently because we're a large company and because they know we don't do that, we don't go that way," he said.

"It's a moral choice as well. There's an old saying:

'You go to bed with dogs, you wake up with fleas.'"

He offers other anecdotes of condo "impropriety." One manager asked his company for the small favour of cleaning the area rug in his home — which was decked out with furnishings and TVs from the building he managed, including a pile of rugs he was trying to sell. In another, a board member gave a contract to build a condo website to her live-in boyfriend for \$12,000.

Rosen's advice to condo owners on the lookout for bid rigging is: It's hard to catch, but always have three quotations.

"Be leery if they're always from the same three companies, because someone who's a crook will have two

other crooks to put in bids with him."

Another condo contractor, who has been in the field for 18 years, said in his corner of the industry, corruption is rampant. At his request, he remains anonymous.

"In our market, where jobs are tendered on a large scale and there are a number of bidders, the strong competitors are actually talking to each other," he said in a phone interview. "And the bids end up being exorbitantly higher than they should be in a normal competitive marketplace. So ... the condo corporations are being ripped off royally."

"I've seen jobs go for as much as double what they should be. Jobs that should be \$300,000 to \$400,000

are going for \$600,000 or \$700,000."

The contractor said boards would see four or five bids and "naturally assume that they are competitors, they're aggressively bidding, they want the work," he said. "You just don't know what the market should be so you're assuming the market will disclose a fair tender with sealed bids."

He said his company doesn't engage in bid rigging and will win jobs with honest low bids — but there is so much work to go around, he doesn't know of all the tenders.

He is wary of warning others and going public with what he knows. "I could be blacklisted.... I have a family."

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Condo embezzlement stories usually go unreported: Police

The story of Manzoor Khan — the president of Channel Property Management who allegedly borrowed an estimated \$20 million against his buildings and fled the country in 2011 — was told in a shocking Torstar News Service investigation.

Khan was also accused of rigging bids, creating fake companies that would win work in his condos and then subcontract the work at a fraction of the price.

Stories of condo embezzlement usually go unreported.

In late July, Tim Toole, former president of Deaconwood Property Management, pleaded guilty to fraud over \$5,000 and possessing property obtained by crime, and has started serving a two-year penitentiary sentence, said Toronto police Det. Const. Christopher Briggs.

Toole embezzled nearly \$1 million from two North York condos: 20 Olive Ave., and 22 Olive Ave., said Briggs.

The fraud came to light when the board at 20 Olive elected a new president, who demanded to see financial records, which Toole refused to divulge, said Briggs.

That prompted the board to fire Deaconwood and ask the new property management company to conduct the audit, which identified the stolen money. Police found the funds had gone directly from the condo's bank account to Toole's.

Licensing with 'real teeth'

Sue and Stratas would like to see property managers licensed by an independent body that would revoke licences for wrongdoing.

- "Our view is the licensing process needs real teeth, real consequences, and real review and vetting of individuals," said Stratas.

- Stratas said his experience has convinced him fraud is pervasive in the condo industry because there are many opportunities for people to rip off condo corporations. "To what extent they actually commit those financial crimes is only a question of the individual morals and self-restraint individuals may have."

The unsophisticated fraud might never have been discovered without the new president asking questions, said Briggs.

"They were very trusting of Tim," he said. "Everyone said the same thing: he talked a good game and gained everybody's trust. Until they made that change they had no idea."

Deaconwood also managed 9 Boardwalk Dr. Former resident Bruce Campbell alleges the building was taken for about \$90,000 because his board wasn't paying close enough attention.

Campbell, who became the board treasurer after Deaconwood Property Management shut down, went through his building's financial statements with an auditor and saw \$13,000 had been transferred from the current account through the reserve fund to an outside bank ac-

count, until about \$90,000 was missing.

When they went to the police, they learned about the charges in relation to the buildings in North York. The board at 9 Boardwalk decided that since there were "bigger fish" in line, they would write off the loss, said Campbell.

In the end, the loss was about \$1,000 per unit.

In a 2010 case, residents at 38 Elm St. recovered the money their building was allegedly defrauded of in an out-of-court settlement with their property management company.

Judy Sue and William Stratas were residents of the building in March 2008 when they got a "cryptic disclosure" from their board, said Stratas.

"Under the Condominium Act they had to make a disclosure that there was a litigation underway involving

the common elements of the building," said Stratas.

Stratas and Sue decided to investigate and went to court and retrieved the legal documents involving their condo. They learned that the contractor, Gregory Chatzisavvas, who the board had hired to provide low-flow toilets to the building — and was paid over \$142,000 upfront — had disappeared with the money.

At the next annual general meeting, they both ran for the board. Stratas was elected president and Sue, a certified general accountant who worked at RBC Royal Bank as a senior financial analyst, was elected treasurer.

Sue investigated the building's finances. What she found prompted the board to take the condo's property manager, Christine Maitland, the management company and Maitland's direct supervisor to court.

Sue outlined what she discovered and believes to be true in an affidavit filed with the court, along with supporting documents:

— Maitland had a "non-arms-length" relationship with the contractor, suggested by condo cellphone records and evidence that Maitland's daughter was married to a subcontractor that worked with Chatzisavvas.

— Maitland helped the contractor write correspondence to the board that purported to be from Chatzisav-

vas on the condo office computer.

— Maitland had stolen more than \$30,000 from the building and falsified records to cover it. That theft included keeping cash payments intended to be paid to other condo employees as Christmas bonuses.

— Two people had attempted to deposit a forged cheque drawn on the condo bank account for \$221,670, but the bank refused it because it lacked a date.

That affidavit convinced a judge to issue an order to open bank accounts belonging to the contractor and Maitland.

The settlement details are confidential, but the documents were given to a real-estate blog, which reported the management company settled for \$460,033.90.

Maitland, now known as Christine LePage, is currently a property manager with Newton-Trelawney Property Management Services. Reached by phone at her building, the Liberty At Discovery Place in Pickering, she had no comment.

"I cannot discuss anything," she said. "That was part of the final settlement."

In a statement of defence filed with the court, Maitland "vigorously (denied) all allegations of theft, fraud and misrepresentation during her employment" at 38 Elm.

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If you have any concerns about what is happening in the condo where you live, contact us at investigations@metronews.ca



fraud at 38 Elm, Sue and Stratas have gone



Condos fill this view of the Toronto shoreline. An updated Condominium Act is expected to be introduced soon.

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Review

Will updated Condo Act be enough?

The Ministry of Consumer Services has been reviewing the Condominium Act and consulting with the public and experts for more than a year. Recommendations for an updated act are expected soon.

According to a ministry spokesperson, the experts "have proposed a number of recommendations that strengthen transparency, accountability and owner involvement in a condo corporation's financial affairs, thereby limiting the potential for abuse."

One change already

announced is that the new act will require mandatory qualifications for condominium managers.

Anne-Marie Ambert said her experience on the expert panel has led her to believe the review will lead to improvements in owners' rights, but she is concerned there may be "glaring problems left behind."

Ambert has been calling for an impartial body to oversee and regulate the industry.

Trinty-Spadina MPP Rosario Marchese has also been calling for the creation of a tribunal.

"Ontario needs a strong and independent condo tribunal, empowered to handle all disputes ... quickly and cheaply. With-

out this, any reforms of the Condo Act are going to fall short," he wrote in a recent newspaper editorial.

Jeffery Cowan, the principal of Cowan Law and a columnist for Metro, said legislating condos can be difficult, especially when the lay-people who own condos are ultimately in charge.

"So it's tough, from a regulatory perspective, to make sure the law is adhered to," he said.

Condo boards are made up of people who own their unit and therefore have a stake in its success — but sometimes they're not the people who are best equipped to run the condo's business, he said.

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Putin's proposal recaptures lost influence in Middle East

Syria. Proposal for the surrender of chemical weapons has shaken U.S., captivated globe

With a few days' worth of surprise diplomacy, Vladimir Putin has revived memories of an era many thought was long gone, when Washington and Moscow jostled for influence while others looked on.

Whatever happens with its proposal to relieve Syria of chemical weapons, Russia, at least for now, has re-emerged as a central player in the Middle East. And, for good measure, it is seen as a player that does not easily dump allies.

That's meaningful in a region where America's sudden abandonment of ousted Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak two years ago has focused the minds of many authoritarians on the sometimes ephemeral



Syrians hold photos of President Bashar Assad and Russia's then-prime minister Vladimir Putin during a pro-regime rally in front of the Russian embassy in Damascus on March 4, 2012. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

nature of U.S. support.

By contrast, Putin braved outrage by standing by his Syrian ally, claiming publicly there was insufficient evidence that Damascus used chemical weapons on Aug. 21 — and

even hinting he would somehow assist Bashar Assad in case of a military strike.

And now Russia has managed to arrest, at least for the moment, what looked like a march toward a U.S. military

operation that domestic and world opinion did not favour and might have skirted the edges of international law.

That a face-saving climb-down might have been engineered by the Kremlin adds irony

Equilibrium

"Putin appeared to save Obama from a potential embarrassment.... Russia is on equal footing now as a power in the Middle East."

Leon Aron, Russia policy expert at the American Enterprise Institute

to a tactical victory. A Kremlin leader seen as a hard-hearted utilitarian, self-serving and occasionally brutal may find new associations with peaceful resolutions and deft realpolitik.

Russia's proposal on Syria would be a comeback for a country that was gradually eclipsed in the region by the U.S. after the 1973 Middle East war, with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat expelling Soviet advisers, making peace with Israel and embarking upon a strategic alliance with Washington.

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Libya

Car bombing a grim reminder of past 9/11 attacks

A powerful car bomb exploded Wednesday near Libya's Foreign Ministry building in the heart of Benghazi, exactly one year after the Sept. 11 attack there that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

The early morning blast on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks caused no casualties, though several passersby were slightly wounded, authorities said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility. However, the bombing targeted a building that once housed the U.S. Consulate during the rule of King Idris, who former Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi overthrew in 1969.

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Francophones slower to adopt new tech: Study

It's not the phone, it's the content.

Francophones don't have access to as much high-quality content as anglophones do

Francophone Canadians tend to lag their anglophone counterparts when it comes to adopting new technologies, according to research by the Media Technology Monitor.

It's a trend that researchers have observed for years and it was evident again after polling thousands of Canadians this spring, said director of research and analysis Mark Allen.



Francophones are less likely than anglophones to rush out and buy Apple's new iPhone 5c because of the difficulty in accessing French-language content, research shows.

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"I don't think it's a cultural thing, I think it's because they're in a different language and they often get service later than others," says Allen.

"It's harder for francophones to adopt technology

because they can buy the technology but they don't have the services to go along with it."

About 34 per cent of the anglophone respondents surveyed said they had a tablet, versus just 20 per cent of the francophones polled. While 19 per cent of anglophones said they owned an ebook reader, just four per cent of francophones had one.

Ann-Louise Davidson, an associate professor in educational technology with Concordia University, said she wasn't surprised by the lower tech usage among francophones, which she attributed to more than one factor including lower incomes in Quebec and difficulties in accessing French-language content. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Megan Blake, Air Hollywood's K9 flight school program director, front row left, with dog Super Smiley in front and other dogs from the Canine Companions for Independence pose during a K9 flight simulation at the America's Family Pet Expo in Costa Mesa, Calif., last month. COURTESY AIR HOLLYWOOD-SANDRA LOLLINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

child of Talaat Captan, Hollywood, the world's largest aviation-themed film studio, who noticed a dog owner having a rough go getting a

pooch through airport security.

"The owner was stressed out and the dog was freaking out," Captan said. "I figured, 'Why don't I train those people?'"

He hired his friend Megan Blake to write a program and teach the class with three other instructors and her dog Super Smiley. An actress, animal trainer and lifestyle coach, Blake also has a psychology degree from Georgia Tech.

With more dogs racking up air miles these days, it makes sense to take obedience school to a new level, said Heidi Heubner, who directs volunteers, including airport therapy dogs, at Los Angeles World Airport.

Last year, Air Hollywood conducted a test class with 60 puppies from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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Taking to the skies

Travelling with pets is common

Pets have become essential parts of a growing number of families and travelling with them for work and play is becoming more common, said Kim Cunningham of the International Pet and Animal Transportation Association in Texas.

The class is using the same studio where parts of Bridesmaids, Kill Bill and 500 other movies were made, as well as scenes from NCIS, Modern Family and The Newsroom.

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Airborne bandit has illegal marijuana growers on high alert

The Fan-man.

Paraglider believed to sell co-ordinates of illegal crops to criminals

Marijuana growers in Eastern Ontario are keeping their eyes peeled this month for a legendary figure who roams the skies every harvest season: the Fan-man.

"The Fan-man is a guy that goes searching in cornfields for marijuana plants," says a rural property owner, who asked for anonymity for fear of retribution from members of the drug trade.

With a paraglider powered by a fan-like propeller strapped to his back, the Fan-man soars above area cornfields, using a GPS to pinpoint places where illegal ma-



John Sanzo, 62, demonstrates the sport of fan-powered paragliding. Sanzo says a report of the Fan-man is giving the sport a bad name.
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rijuana grows, he says.

"What he'd do is literally fly real low, looking for these

plants. He's been seen around the area by a lot of people — and there's most likely more than one."

The Fan-man is believed to sell GPS co-ordinates of illegal weed to criminals, who then camouflage and arm themselves at night to steal the plants. They're known in criminal circles as "pot pirates."

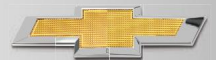
A spokesman for the Ottawa police service says the drug section is not aware of the Fan-man.

Uninhabited rural stretches of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec are well-known for illegal pot farming.

The Fan-man apparently hunts for green "holes" in between rows of corn where growers hide illegal marijuana.

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Germany

Town to strip Hitler's citizenship

A town in central Germany plans to strip Adolf Hitler of his honorary citizenship, 68 years after the Nazi leader's death.

The town assembly of Goslar in Lower Saxony state has set in motion a procedure that would formally remove the title next month.

According to dpa news agency, Hitler had some 4,000 honorary citizenships during his lifetime.

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Boston

Airport apologizes for 9/11 fire drill

Officials at Boston's Logan International Airport are apologizing for holding a fire drill, complete with smoke and flames, on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The two jets that were flown into the World Trade Center flew out of Logan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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50 shades grimmer. Man gets 20 years for holding woman as his sex slave

A man was sentenced to 20 years in a U.S. federal prison Wednesday for holding a young woman captive as a sex slave for six years.

Edward Bagley initially faced 11 federal charges accusing him of enticing an underage girl to be his sex slave, torturing and mutilating her, and allowing others to watch and participate in the torture sessions. In January, he pleaded guilty to one count of using an interstate facility to entice a minor into illegal sexual conduct.

Prosecutors said Bagley, 46, and his wife, Marilyn, recruited the woman to live with them in their trailer in late 2002 and groomed her to become Bagley's sex slave. The Bagleys have insisted he didn't have sex with her until she turned 18 and that the often-extreme sex acts were consensual, but prosecutors believe it started years before that and was forced on the woman.

The victim, now 27, described how the Bagleys in-



Edward Bagley in Sept. 2010.

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itially showed her images and videos of people practicing bondage, dominance, sadism and masochism — or BDSM — and told her it was fun. She signed a contract on her 18th birthday that Bagley said made her his sex slave for life.

The case came to light in early 2009 when the woman, then 23, was hospitalized after what prosecutors said was a torture session.

Marilyn Bagley will be sentenced Thursday.

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Liberace's ex-lover

Judge spares man jail time

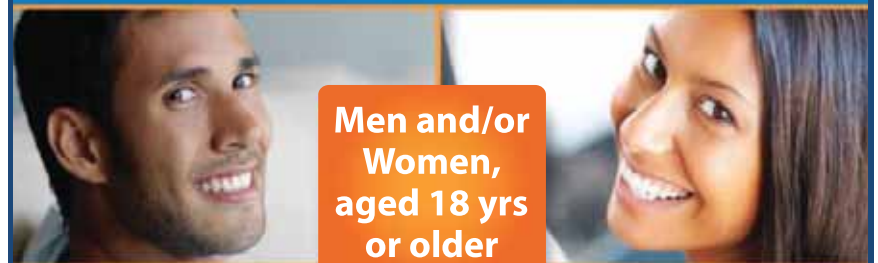
An ex-lover of Liberace who was the subject of a recent HBO film on the pianist's life is being given a second chance to complete a drug court program instead of going to prison after testing positive for methamphetamine in violation of his probation.

Scott Thorson, 54, said he's determined to get sober and avoid serving up to 20 years in prison for burglary and ID theft. He plans to write another book on the heels of Behind the Candelabra, used as the basis for the HBO film nominated for 15 Emmys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Lac-Mégantic cargo was as flammable as gas

Train disaster. Oil on board should have been designated as more volatile: Safety board

The crude oil that exploded into flame in the deadly Lac-Mégantic train derailment in July was as volatile as gasoline, but was documented as a less-dangerous product akin to diesel or

bunker crude, the Transportation Safety Board says.

Lead investigator Don Ross said tests showed the oil was initially graded properly for road transport but was inexplicably downgraded when it came time to move it by rail.

"When we analyzed the product samples from the nine intact tank cars from the Lac-Mégantic accident we identified the product as having the characteristics of a packing group

Quoted

"The lower flash point of the crude oil explains in part why (it) ignited so quickly once the Class 111 tank cars were breached."

Don Ross, lead investigator, Transportation Safety Board

2 flammable liquid," he told a news conference Wednesday.

"Packing group 2 is the packing group that gasoline is in."

The Lac-Mégantic oil was improperly identified as a less-hazardous packing group 3 product, and investigators want to know why. "We're asking those questions," Ross said.

The July 6 crash killed 47 people and destroyed much of the centre of the picturesque Quebec town after the runaway train derailed and exploded in a fireball. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Transportation Safety Board lead investigator Don Ross points to a dangerous goods indicator on a rail car in Ottawa on Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Careless consumers are a key cause of food waste: UN agency

The UN food agency says one-third of all food produced in the world gets wasted, amounting to a loss of \$750 billion US a year. The Rome-based Food and Agricultural Organization said in a report Wednesday that food in developing countries is wasted mostly due to poor harvesting techniques, while in high-income areas the primary cause of waste is careless consumer behaviour. The most serious areas of waste are of cereals in Asia and meat in wealthy regions and Latin America. FAO stressed the importance of raising awareness among consumers. **TEXT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Autos. Feds, Ontario sell part of stake in General Motors

The federal and Ontario governments have sold a block of 30 million shares in General Motors valued in the neighbourhood of \$1.1 billion, a portion of the equity they received when they bailed out the automaker in 2009.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said in an email that the shares were sold at Tuesday's closing price of \$37 US on the New York Stock Exchange, minus a small discount.

With completion of the sale, the governments will continue

to hold more than 119 million GM common shares and 16.1 million GM series A preferred stock through a federal agency.

Both Ottawa and the Ontario government acquired GM shares in 2009 after having provided the ailing automaker with some \$10.6 billion in aid during the Great Recession.

The investment is held on behalf of the two governments by Canada GEN Investment Corp., a subsidiary of the Canada Development Investment Corp. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Denver

Police chill during pot giveaway

Denver police are defending their decision to stand by while dozens of people lit up at a free pot giveaway. Deputy Chief David Quinones tells the Denver Post the department didn't want to incite a riot Monday over a petty offence. Hundreds of people lined up to get free weed during an event held by opponents of a statewide ballot question on taxing retail pot sales.

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IT ISN'T INTERESTING IF IT'S INFALLIBLE

I was a late convert to smartphones, and like most late converts to anything I quickly became a fundamentalist zealot.

Before, I scoffed at people who wouldn't look away from their screens for anything short of a fresh bullet wound. Now I know you can get valuable information from the tourniquet app, improve the look of that wound using Instagram, or ask, "Siri, what it's all about?" as you die.

Whether I'm texting with people miles away while sitting across a dinner table from friends, or checking the weather while walking outside, my phone does all the things I didn't even know needed doing.

And this week the most iconic of all smartphones released the details of its latest iterations. (I'm good at this.) The iPhone has not one but two new versions coming out soon, which means there'll be twice as many people standing in lines the morning of their release, just in case Apple only de-



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cides to make a few hundred.

To commemorate this once-in-a-while event, here's a brief history of the iPhone to read as you queue:

1993: Apple releases its first personal digital assistant, the Newton, a technology that leads to one good Simpsons joke, and nothing else. However, the device's inability to tell what the user is actually trying to write is later used in the iPhones' autocorrect feature.

1990s: Apple CEO Steve Jobs, thinking about his legacy, works on being an inspiration to the world and an a-- to everyone he knows, leaving no time for the smartphone until 14 years later.

2007: Jobs unveils the very first iPhone. Its two-inch screen sits on a frame roughly the size of a tennis court, and its processor can do an amazing 14 calculations a minute. Its 2,700 vacuum tubes can only be purchased from the Apple Store.

2008: The iPhone 3G includes a phone that runs on a pre-

historic bird who chisels the images into a blank slate. The talking technology predates Siri, but doesn't catch on because of its corny one-liners.

2010: The iPhone 4 sends everything you do on it directly to the Oval Office. Apple is totally transparent about it, but nobody notices until three years later because it's written in one of those Terms of Agreement things and everybody skips to the accept button.

2011: Jobs uploads himself to the iCloud.

Sept. 10, 2013: Tech analysts say the new brightly-coloured, but less expensive iPhone 5C is likely meant to appeal to youth in emerging markets like China and India. The built-in cigarette lighter is a dead giveaway.

Sept. 12, 2013: The iPhone 24, speaking with the voice of Steve Jobs, comes from the future with its new time travel app to warn humanity not to allow Mark Zuckerberg's 2023 purchase of Apple. Before it can explain why, a 12-foot-tall robotic Zuckerberg reaches in from their time and pulls the phone back while letting loose a maniacal nerd-snort. Apple stock skyrockets.

ZOOM

Sitting in a tin can far above the world



Stunning shot of a craft above Earth

It looks like a fancy beverage can — and is in fact carrying something worthwhile. This photo shows a Japanese unmanned spacecraft back-dropped against a land mass of Earth. The HTV-4 craft was launched by Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) last month to bring supplies to the International Space Station.

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On the HTV-4 was Kirobo, a 34 centimetre-high automaton which became the first robot to speak in space. It said, in Japanese: "On Aug. 21, 2013, a robot took one small step towards a brighter future for all. Good morning to everyone on Earth. This is Kirobo. I am the world's first talking robot astronaut. Nice to meet you."

Fiery plunge back home

After backing away from the ISS following a one-month stay, the HTV-4 craft (nicknamed Kounotori) — loaded with trash from the space station — plunged back to Earth for a de-orbit disposal. The craft burned upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, with surviving fragments shattering across a preplanned location in the Pacific Ocean. METRO

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If you're of the sort who hasn't spent any time with a poem since the last time you were assigned one by a teacher, dip your toe back into the water with these frequently amusing Twitter accounts with a poetic heart.

@GooglePoetics: Crowd-sourced from the nonsense we're all guilty of asking Google about, this account finds surprising depth and humanity lurking in search terms suggested by Google's auto fill.

@tricialockwood: The mighty Patricia Lockwood was a published poet before signing up for Twitter. It just happens to be a lucky



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stroke for all of us that the format is a perfect fit for her occasional surreal verses and pithy lines.

@Pentametrone:

An algorithm that keeps a vigilant eye out for tweets that happen to be written in iambic pentameter, though it may come as little surprise that the authors of its retweets typically don't have poetry in mind.

Worth Mentioning

Men with menopause? Yep, it's a thing

The ads tout testosterone treatments for "low T," but surprising new research shows a different hormone may play a role in less sex drive and more fat as men age. Estrogen — the female hormone — is needed by men, too, and the study gives the first clear evidence that too little of it can cause certain "male menopause"

symptoms.

"A lot of things we think are due to testosterone deficiency are actually related to the estrogen deficiency that accompanies it," said Dr. Joel Finkelstein of Massachusetts General Hospital. He led the study.

Testosterone is the main male sex hormone. Men's bodies convert some of it into estrogen, and levels of both decline with age. Until now, there was no way to tell which hormone was responsible for complaints of diminished libido, strength and energy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Film is dead, long live film!

The demise of celluloid as the de facto medium for moving images has given rise to a new breed of filmmaker who is nimble, creative and most importantly able to work quickly and cheaply.

"It's incredible what you can do these days," says Steve Veale, founder and festival director of the Toronto Indie Film Festival. "It's opened up a whole new avenue for creative people."

Every year more than 5,000 feature films are made, he says, yet Hollywood only backs about two per cent of them. That's where the Indie Film Fest comes into play.

A self-described "film junkie" with a background in PR, Veale founded the festival as a way to give smaller filmmakers a voice. Running concurrently with TIFF, although the two are not affiliated, the fest showcases "micro-budget and no budget" films. This year's most expensive flick cost a mere quarter of a million dollars to put together.

35mm film is very expensive and unforgiving to work with, says Veale. Digital film, on the other hand, offers users infinite possibilities. "You can play around with it," he says.

But the real breakthrough came with the advent of



Steve Veale is the deputy director of the Toronto Indie Film Festival held at the Toronto Underground. ALYSHAH HASHAM/TORONTO STAR

streaming video. Websites like YouTube and Netflix offer indie flicks a life outside of traditional movie theatres.

"With the changes in tech, people realized they could do things on their own," he says. "Now they can get their voice out there even if they don't go through the traditional system."

Technology isn't just shaping the way we see films, it's shaping the movies themselves.

"The films have changed," Veale says. A larger audience puts pressure on filmmakers to step up their game. "The scripts are better, the production value is better." And filmgoers are adjusting their expectations accordingly. "You can't cheat. People are more sophisticated."

Toronto Indie Film Festival runs until Saturday at the Carlton Cinema.

Check out film-fest.ca for a full schedule.

TIFF

The Toronto International Film Festival is the giant, flashy elephant in the room during the Toronto Indie Film Fest.

- **Quote from Veale.** But Veale says TIFF is an added bonus for visiting filmmakers rather than a nuisance. "We're like the

Slamdance to their Sundance," he says, referring to the annual festival that shadows Robert Redford's prestigious fest in Park City, Utah. "They love being here during TIFF." There are chances to showcase work and make deals that would otherwise be unheard of.

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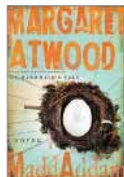
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This Week

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| 3. NEVER GO BACK Lee Child | 10 | 2 |
| 4. HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN Louise Penny | 6 | 3 |
| 5. WINTER OF THE WORLD Ken Follett | 2 | 3 |
| 6. INFERNO Dan Brown | 15 | 17 |
| 7. THE CASUAL VACANCY JK Rowling | 14 | 8 |
| 8. OMENS Kelley Armstrong | 3 | 4 |
| 9. A HOUSE IN THE SKY Amanda Lindhout | 5 | 2 |
| 10. THE INCONVENIENT INDIAN Thomas King | 20 | 5 |
| 11. THE MAYAN SECRETS Clive Cussler | 17 | 2 |
| 12. THE BONE SEASON Samantha Shannon | 4 | 4 |
| 13. WAGING HEAVY PEACE Neil Young | 12 | 7 |
| 14. THE END OF GROWTH Jeff Rubin | 9 | 2 |
| 15. THE RETURNED Jason Mott | 8 | 2 |
| ★ 16. STEVE JOBS Walter Isaacson | - | 1 |
| ★ 17. THE WITNESS WORE RED Rebecca Musser | - | 1 |
| ★ 18. THE ORENDA Joseph Boyden | - | 1 |
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WILL HAVE MORE WITH THE
BAND TOMORROW!



Vampire Weekend has a new album out called *Modern Vampires of the City*. CONTRIBUTED

Vampire getting longer in the tooth

Modern Vampires of the City. As the band prepares to hit the road, Ezra Koenig and Rostam Batmanglij are right where they belong

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Metro World News in Boston

Vampire Weekend lyrics have always read a bit like witty TripAdvisor entries. Location is an essential part of the experience, whether it be the Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa of their self-titled debut or the California English of 2010's *Contra*.

The band's latest release, *Modern Vampires of the City* throws in more geographical references than the first two albums combined. Anchorage, Oakland, Dar es Salaam, Providence, Phoenix and Santa Barbara all get lip service. Even though that could give the impression that the album is literally all over the map, the titular "City" they reference most is New York, and the collection of songs is possibly the band's most cohesive effort to date.

"On the first album, all of the places that I name checked in Cape Cod were places that I actually had been, albeit somewhat briefly," says singer Ezra Koenig.

He is sitting in a café down the street from his apartment on the Lower East Side. For a guy who sings with a band

whose last two albums went to No. 1, he is comfortably anonymous in his neighbourhood. Only one passerby seems to slip into an "I know that guy from somewhere" expression.

"On the song Step on this album, there is a lot of name checking," Koenig continues, "and I've never been to someplace like Dar es Salaam, but part of that song is about somebody who in the beginning is talking about how they were going all of these different places, but really back at home is where they really have to figure things out."

It seems like Koenig spent a lot of time at home figuring things out. The theme of mortality is persistent throughout *Modern Vampires* with a lot of breath spent on uncertainty about what may be next, after this album and after this life. He says he feels like reflecting in this manner is almost a rite of passage for a band between albums two and three.

"Whether you're in college or in your early 20s doing whatever, there's a sense that it's an eternal springtime. And

that's also true for a band that's making their first album. So we had that threefold: A bunch of young cats, fresh out of college, suddenly people have interest in our band," he says, reminiscing about Vampire Weekend's beginnings at Columbia University.

"Then when you do something a second time it's still exciting, and you're building and you start to get to the third time, and unless you're a total craven careerist, you're going to pause a little bit and be like, 'OK, so we're doing this for a third time. We're now five or six years older than when we started. Is this just a job? Are we just banging out products of varying degrees of quality, based on an initial template? Or are we trying to do something different?'"

He and songwriting cohort Rostam Batmanglij spent the better part of a year — writing songs and recording songs at Batmanglij's apartment under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass — making sure they were trying to do something different, and succeeding.

Immediate goal

Koenig's aim. He says his goal isn't to have the most recent album be everybody's favourite Vampire Weekend album, just somebody's favourite. "That's the hardest thing to pull off: Sometimes everybody likes the first album the best, a handful of people like the second album

the best and nobody likes the third album the best," he says. "It's not because I have a chip on my shoulder that's like, 'I want people to like this album more than the first two!' I just want there to exist people in the universe who could feel that way."

Engaged John eager to become stuff of Legend



Piano crooner John Legend's latest and fourth album is called *Love in the Future*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Q&A. R&B crooner John Legend talks about his new album, his upcoming wedding, Kanye West, achieving world recognition and the war in Syria

John Legend has one more thing to do before launching his fall tour: get married.

The 34-year-old R&B singer is engaged to 27-year-old model Chrissy Teigen, the subject of most of the romantic songs that make up his new album, *Love in the Future*, released last week. The wedding will be some time before he kicks off his tour Oct. 20 in Mashantucket, Conn., and marks a turning point for the piano-playing crooner, who since 2004's *Get Lifted* has been crafting songs about hook-ups, cheating and heartbreak as well as long-term commitment.

Appropriately, the nine-time Grammy winner's latest takes an overall more optimistic perspective on affairs of the heart, so much so that he says he's already considering how married life will affect his writing: "My fans probably don't want to listen to everything being awesome all the time."

Legend reconnected with longtime collaborator Kanye West for his fourth solo album, which includes hip-hop drum patterns and moments of hu-

mour the singer credits to West. Legend recently sat down with The Associated Press to talk about fame, stability, wedding plans and international policy.

Your fiancée is very witty on Twitter, and you slide some jokes into many of your songs. How important is humour to you?

Chrissy is hilarious and I'm a big comedy fan. We go to comedy clubs. ... I wish I was funnier myself. ... I surround myself with people who are different from me. Obviously, people always ask me, "How are you and Chrissy together?" And then people also ask me, "How are you and Kanye working together for so many years because you're so different?" But I think I gravitate toward people that are a little more outrageous than I am. And we complement each other well.

Do you want Kanye-level fame?

I want Kanye-level success. I don't think I'm craving any more fame. But success and being recognized for making great work all around the world, I think it's a great thing.

What's your vision for your wedding? What do you want from it?

I'm excited to get married, but I look at it as just a fun party where I want my friends to have a great time. ... I guess we should look good, too, so the pictures come out nice. But other than that, I feel like it's no pressure.

Some songwriters make their best music when they're not in a stable relationship. It can also go the other way. Is that something you've thought about?

I've written some of my better songs about the ups and downs of relationships. ... I've thought about, you know, what am I going to do two years from now? ... But I imagine that we'll have some ups and downs too, so I'll tell those stories, too.

You're a supporter of President Barack Obama, but covered several anti-war songs from the 1960s and 1970s on the 2010 album you created with The Roots called *Wake Up! Are you worried about U.S. military intervention in Syria?*

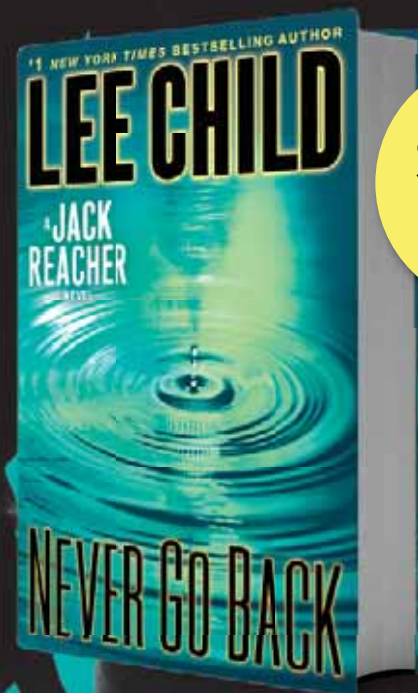
I am not anti-war in general. I am just anti-wars that I think are not a good idea. I didn't think the Iraq war was a good idea. ... I do understand the impulse to want to punish countries for using chemical weapons. I do understand the humanitarian impulse when you see 100,000 people getting slaughtered ... but we have to be very cautious about getting into another long conflict in the Middle East. ... We know that al-Qaida's infiltrated the rebel forces in Syria. We know that either way, no matter who wins, there are significant groups within each side that might not be pro-America. So I think it's a very difficult decision to involve ourselves militarily in Syria.

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The Hotel Le Germain, located on Mercer Street, is a luxury boutique property in the heart of TIFF town. The wow factor here takes place as soon as you walk in the front door. The lobby features ceiling to floor windows, comfy living room furniture and a sky-high library. Complimentary cappuccinos allow guests a quick refresh before running out the door to catch the next flick.

Room details

The Le Germain Apartment Suite is certainly impressive with its 1,350 square foot, two storey layout and spacious patio with a view of the CN Tower. It's the perfect spot to host a party as guests have ample room on the main floor to sit by the fire, nibble at the dining table or tan on the terrace. A fully equipped kitchen makes catering a breeze. The bathroom is outfitted with Aveda pampering products and a double vanity with separate bathtub and shower.

Dining

Chef David Chrystian runs the kitchen at Victor and as a Top Chef Canada alum he isn't shy to impress with his plates. The menu here is whimsical continental cuisine with best bets being the beef. Mouth-watering Carpaccio (\$18) is a perfect start before digging in to the juicy Spiced Burger (\$16).

Bar

Mixologist extraordinaire Nick Leverty mans the bar at Victor where he pours from a playful cocktail list. Guests visiting for the first time should make sure to order his signature Le Germain (\$14) featuring elderflower vodka, citrus and fresh cucumber.

TIFF/Celebrity hook

The French distributor Unifrance will host their film festival party at Le Germain, which takes over the entire restaurant, lobby and library and spills onto the street! The party attracts all the belles and beaux of France from La Croisette in Cannes right to Mercer Street at TIFF.

Recommendation

Chef David Chrystian's always evolving Toronto Tasting Menu offers a playful edible adventure through the city's ethnic neighbourhoods. During my recent visit I sampled a brilliant Little India butter chicken pâté with yellow chutney and naan and a Kensington Market Moroccan Lamb with chickpeas and chermoula. Mix and match your favourite ethnic enclaves. 1 Course \$14, 3 Course \$40, 5 Course \$64.

Enough Said about awkward, cringe humour

Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

Actress talks about playing a complex female character and working with Gandolfini on his last film



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Metro World News at TIFF

It may seem hard to believe, but *Enough Said* star Julia Louis-Dreyfus hasn't been on movie screens in 16 years.

The *Veep* star's last film role was in 1997's *Deconstructing Harry* for Woody Allen, with a pair of voice parts in between in 1998's *a Bug's Life* and this year's *Planes*.

Enough Said gives her a chance to collaborate with writer-director Nicole Holofcener, a filmmaker known for complex and engaging female characters.

Eva is a single mom massage therapist who starts dating a client's ex-husband. "This is a woman who's been hijacked emotionally without almost even knowing it — by herself," Louis-Dreyfus

explains. "It really just spoke to me — not that I have ever done anything that deceitful in my life, but I understand why she did it. It does intrigue me, someone who means so well doing something so terrible."

That setup paves the way for a brand of cringe humour in which Louis-Dreyfus insists she revels.

"It was actually excruciating to do. I love scenes like that," she says.

"I love awkward, wincey, shame-filled moments of entertainment. I love to live there for as long as possible."

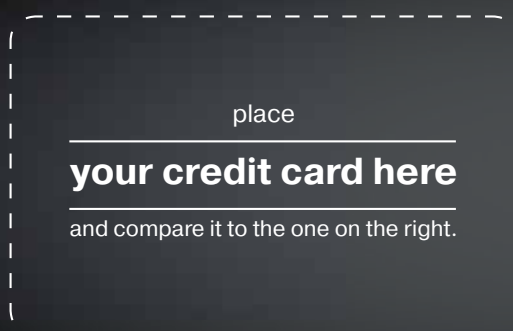
Memories of Gandolfini

Enough Said marks the last film appearance of James Gandolfini, who died of a heart attack during a trip to Italy in June. Co-star Julia Louis-Dreyfus insists the romantic comedy is a perfect tribute to both the actor and the man. "James is a gentle giant. This part that he plays of Albert, as this kind and thoughtful and earnest and self-effacing fellow, is very, very close to who James Gandolfini was — much more so than Tony Soprano."



Julia Louis-Dreyfus at the *Enough Said* press conference at TIFF on Sunday.
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Using film to make audiences face the facts

12 Years a Slave.

Actress Alfre Woodard on the difficulties of talking about slavery

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In a film with a vast and impressive ensemble, Alfre Woodard manages to stand out in *12 Years a Slave* in a surprising turn as Mistress Shaw, a slave

acting as her master's wife and reigning over her plantation. It's just one of the revealing details in Steve McQueen's latest, focusing on a topic most would rather shy away from.

What do you think about the importance of telling this story, of getting American audiences to face this?

I think this is a gift from Steve to North American audiences, Caribbean audiences, British and European audiences, because we forget, the slave trade was a big triangle. It

didn't just involve a few people in the South. Everybody was involved because it was the dominant economy of the day. It was the world economy, so it is a story that is a part of all of our history.

How do you think it's a gift?

The gift is that for, I think, the first time we can all imagine ourselves in it, and that's the thing that I think has kept the American public from wanting to talk about slavery even in school, to personally think about it. Everybody has this

crazy idea because we can't imagine ourselves in it. But what Steve does, which he does so often, is he paints a landscape so complete it crosses from period, it crosses from the technicality into a reality. It's peopled with so many specific kinds of people that it's a real world, and you can imagine yourself as one of the people at some point. It becomes part of us, and that's something that's so missing in the culture.

How familiar were you with the existence of people like

your character?

I was very aware that in households on the plantations the concubines were kept in the house as well, and I knew that sometimes if the mistress was dead or not there the concubine was the woman of the house. But I didn't know that a slave would be set up as absolute mistress of the house. It's what intrigued me about Mistress Shaw and Master Shaw and what kind of plantation it was, that would just say, "You know what? F— y'all."



Alfre Woodard.
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The bling thing at TIFFany & Co.

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How would you get blinged-out for the red carpet? With Tiffany & Co. opening its new 5,870 square foot store at 150 Bloor St. W., we thought now was the perfect time to dream big. We asked Cityline's fashion stylist Sandra Pittana how she would glam up a few celebrities in town for TIFF if they suddenly found themselves rubbing elbows in the store's first-floor fine jewelry salon.

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Kiera Knightley

With those glorious delicate features and hazel brown eyes, what could be more beautiful than the New Collection Tiffany drop earrings

of emerald-cut green tourmalines, diamonds and black onyx in platinum, paired with the oval cuprian elbaite tourmaline ring.

Julia Roberts

I chose Elsa Peretti with her tactile shapes and finishes to complement that winning smile of Julia's. With her hair up, a simple comb in red lacquer, earrings dressed in Sevillana hoops in black lacquer and gold, the charcoal bone cuff in ruthenium over coffee and the Lacquer Bean Purse in red would be perfect.



Amy Poehler

With that striking blond head of hair, there's nothing better than The New Collection tassels necklace of turquoise and diamonds designed by Jean Schlumberger. A perfect complement to her azure blue eyes!



Mila Kunis

With her one green eye and one brown, I chose The New Collection pear-shaped green tourmaline drop earrings for Mila and then to sit close to her shoulder, an enamel and diamond butterfly brooch.



Sandra Bullock

Sandra would look great wearing Tiffany's Atlas Collection bangles in yellow and rose gold, with the Atlas necklace in sterling silver sitting quietly at the neck. Carting her stuff with her would be great using the Chelsea hobo bag in orchid.



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Nicolas Cage isn't just your average Joe

All in the improv.

Star says that director David Gordon Green encouraged actors to bring personal experience to tale



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Metro World News at TIFF

Nicolas Cage gives a powerfully restrained performance as the title character in David Gordon Green's darkly comic Joe, about a hard-living man who takes a troubled teen (Tye Sheridan) under his wing. Filled with bursts of brutality and hilarity in equal measure, the film made its North American debut at TIFF.

The TIFF premiere was the first North American audience to see the film. Were

you pleased with the reaction?

What I liked about the audience is they really got the humour, because they could track with the language. We had a great time in Venice and in Deauville, and they were with the movie, but this one I think they got even more of the detail in terms of the dialogue. It's been really exciting for us because the audience last night was really with the movie. You can tell that the people here are really genuine film enthusiasts. It's part of their life in a really profound way.

There is some great dark humour in this film.

One of the great things about working with David is he really invites actors to explore and bring personal memories to the table and interviews you and gives you a chance to try to find

the most honest approach to dialogue — or even add bits of dialogue. He'll have improvisation to suggest, like the line "Mexican talk show, that's what I'm talking about."

Where does this type of film fit in with your filmography?

I think it's specific in that it's David Gordon Green's unique vision and I want to walk around his world. So that's not like anything I've done before because I've never made a movie with David. It is a voice and it is original and it's becoming extremely clear when you look at Prince Avalanche, what he did with comedy in his own original way, and now with Joe — both have comedy and drama in each, but I see a signature. I could turn a movie on and I could know it's his movie. I wanted to walk in that world.



Nicolas Cage says that director David Gordon Green has a distinct 'voice' when it comes to film. GETTY IMAGES

Silence is golden for Aussie director

Canopy. Aaron Wilson's world premiere of his first feature follows his style of sparse dialogue

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Metro World News at TIFF

Australian director Aaron Wilson comes to TIFF for the world premiere of his first feature, the beautiful and atmospheric Canopy. The film follows two stranded soldiers from different backgrounds hiding in the jungles of Singapore in 1942, unable to communicate verbally because of both a language barrier and the Japanese soldiers stalking the jungle.

This is the big game, isn't it? It is. I've done quite a few shorts before and I've travelled to festivals with them, but I think nothing compares to the feature.

How early in your concep-



Aaron Wilson.
GETTY IMAGES

tion of Canopy did you know that it would be so close to silent?

Pretty early, I guess. A lot of my shorts are, let's say sparse on dialogue. I like to focus on other forms of communication between people, and quite a few of my shorts have been focusing on people from different backgrounds where there's a language barrier, so we end up using different forms of

communication. So I wrote with the idea that we have two people from different backgrounds that will need to be communicating in an environment where you can't really talk — in this case they're in a forest surrounded by Japanese soldiers — and that would force them to communicate and engage in non-verbal ways.

I was surprised how little musical score there is in it, too.

There's a lot of noise, though. Some people have said it's a silent film, though I don't think my sound designers would quite agree with that statement. I've tried to explore using the natural world, almost like the environment as a character to effect the sound design, to sort of be a voice of the environment speaking to us so that it forms kind of a natural score that supports the story rather than a didactic, non-diegetic score.

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It's a Donald Rumsfeld kind of world out there

The Unknown Known. Doc looks at how Rumsfeld's 50-year career influenced U.S. military policy



RICHARD CROUSE
Metro World News at TIFF

"I'm annoyed by the story," says Academy Award winning documentary filmmaker Errol Morris. "I just imagine that our public figures, the people we have given so much authority and power would more deeply reflect on what they're doing and what they have done. Is that too much to ask?"

The subject of his ire is also the subject of his latest film *The Unknown Known*, Donald Rumsfeld, architect of the Iraq War.

The movie's name is Rumsfeld doublespeak for "things you think you know that it

turns out you did not," which is appropriate for this riveting look at one of the most controversial characters of the 21st century's first decade.

At age 81 Rumsfeld gamely allows Morris to probe into his entire 50-year political career, as both the youngest — under President Gerald Ford — and the oldest person — under George W. Bush — to serve as Secretary of Defense.

"A friend of mine," says Morris, "who is a political journalist, we argued a lot about the line in the movie where Rumsfeld says that the policies of Barack Obama have vindicated the policies of George W. Bush."

"I wouldn't quite put it that way. But he is right in one regard. Many of these policies are still around. They still exist. There are still military tribunals. There are still detainees in Guantanamo. There is still the Patriot Act. My political journalist friend said, 'Well maybe, even though we don't like to think about it this way, we are

We just live in it

I tell Morris I think he should consider using the tagline "It's Donald Rumsfeld's World. We Just Live In It," to promote the movie. "Think about it," I said.

- "I have thought about it," he quickly replied, shaking my hand. "I like it. As long as we don't have to pay you, it's a deal."

still living in a Rumsfeld world. The world he created.'

"I think that's what is really important at the heart of this movie. It's not like the Bush Administration disappeared when Barack Obama was elected and reelected. It didn't.

"Those policies still linger on for whatever reason. Perhaps because we have a Republican congress, perhaps for other reasons, but they changed everything."



Errol Morris is an Academy Award winning documentary filmmaker. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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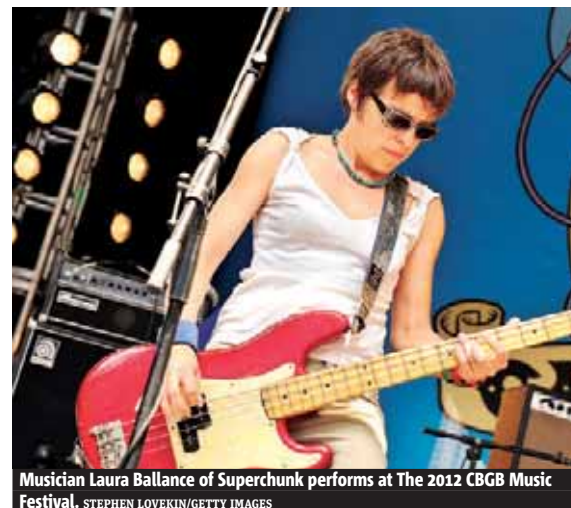
It sounds good, but rock 'n' roll never saved anyone's life

I Hate Music.

Superchunk's Laura Ballance explains why she's sitting out this tour and the sadness of her band's new material

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After nearly a decade-long hiatus leading up to 2010's Majesty Shredding, indie rock stalwarts Superchunk have



Musician Laura Ballance of Superchunk performs at The 2012 CBGB Music Festival. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

depends on how much fun we have."

But along with the fun came sadness.

The new album's ominous title, *I Hate Music*, doesn't reflect any aging angst or irony. Music has long been an all-encompassing part of the band's life. Besides playing in Superchunk, Ballance and lead singer Mac McCaughan own Merge records, one of the most influential and successful independent record labels of all time. Instead, the title reflects the inability of music to stop life's tragedies.

The record is a tip of the hat and bowing of the head to friend and film production designer David Doernberg, who passed away last year.

"This record is very much about our friend Dave," says Ballance solemnly. "If you listen to the lyrics in that song (Me & You & Jackie Mattoo), it's interpreting this frustration. Music has been this huge part of our lives and it's so important to us, but really, what is it worth? People need music and music does have a lot of value, but it can't change the physical reality of somebody dying."

With a lyrical focus more mellowed and mature, McCaughan's nasally nostalgic songs are often travelogues and reverent references to shows

and people along the way.

And while the subject matter may be heavy, the instrumentation is even heavier with towering guitars, searing solos and the powerful punishment of the drum kit that have long defined the Superchunk sound.

There is one thing that will be noticeably different on this tour, however.

After nearly 25 years, Ballance will be sitting out her first ever shows due to hyperacusis, an oversensitivity of the eardrum related to hearing loss. Joining the band on the road will be bassist Jason Narducy.

"I started to notice my ears ringing ages ago," Ballance notes.

"Probably as soon as we started playing together. But I have noticed that my hearing is getting progressively worse. I realized that I was having an increasingly difficult time hearing people who are talking to me. I realized that I want to be able to hear my daughter and hear my grandchildren. I love playing for people, but I've done it and I've done it for 25 years. I think I've fulfilled my promise. I have been really worried that I was going to be really upset and sad about them playing without me. But I didn't get upset. I felt liberated."

bounced back much more quickly with their 10th release, *I Hate Music*.

"We've never broken up," notes bassist and founding member Laura Ballance from the Merge Record headquarters in Chapel Hill. "We knew we wanted to keep playing. We knew once we had a break that we'd probably want to make records again. When we did Majesty Shredding, it was very much of a, 'We'll do this and see how it goes' situation. Who knows? Maybe it would be another 10 years before we made a record — and maybe not. It



Neko Case's latest album, *The Worse Things Get, the Harder I Fight, the Harder I Fight, the More I Love You*, was recently released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neko doesn't roll solo

New music. After a troubled childhood Neko Case has found solace in making music and the camaraderie that goes with it

In her musical life, Neko Case doesn't like to work alone.

For more than a decade, the singer has maintained a dual-track career that thrives on teamwork as it taxes her organizational skills. She leads a band of her own, including vocal partner Kelly Hogan, and had a new disc come out. She also tours and records as a member of Carl Newman's pop collective, the New Pornographers.

Her new album, with the mouthful title *The Worse*

Things Get, The Harder I Fight, The Harder I Fight, The More I Love You, continues a progression beyond the alt-country sound of her early career into something deeper and more eclectic.

Case sounds like she's paying tribute to a longtime lover on one of her new songs, *Calling Cards*, when she sings: "Every dial tone, every truck stop, every heart break, I love you more."

Case says she's singing to her band.

"I know there are people who are really good at performing solo," she said.

"Me, I just feel lonely. I hate it. I don't like to practise alone, either. It's about community for me. I think it's about not having a family as a kid."

After a troubled childhood, Case left home at age 15. That's usually a recipe for disaster, but Case

is eternally grateful for the rockers and drag queens of Tacoma, Wash., who looked after a girl hanging out in places she shouldn't.

"It's another reason I get so upset at the idea that the gay community is some disgusting underbelly," she said. "I would have died without a strong gay community and I'm not even gay."

Case worked through depression the past few years, with deaths of people close to her and a broken relationship. She took some time off the professional treadmill to sort through things emotionally.

"I don't want to sound like it was some incredible transformative experience," she said.

"It was that, but every single person goes through the same thing."

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Miley's Wrecking Ball smashes record

Sorry, Syria. Sorry, New York City mayoral race. Sorry, 12th anniversary of 9/11. It's all Miley, all the time. The singer's new video for Wrecking Ball, where she rides on a wrecking ball in boy underwear (or nothing at all!) and cries a lot and wags her tongue, is breaking page view records with a whopping 15 million views in less than 24 hours, according to video host Vevo. "Wrecking Ball has officially beat the @VEVO record. ??????????thank you smilerzzzzz" she tweeted.

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Rihanna. Think star is falling in popularity? Facebook says think again

After Rihanna's disastrous 777 Tour earlier this year, it seemed that the singer's approval rating had sunk to an all-time low. Throw in the fact that she returned to the arms of Chris Brown, arms that were raised to beat her at one point, mind you, and you might think that nobody really liked Rihanna anymore.

But the Guinness Book of World Records announced last week that there couldn't

be anything further from the truth. Ri-Ri was formally acknowledged as the "Most Liked Person on Facebook." At press time, 75,445,730 people have clicked that they like her.

Other new musical record-holders in the 2014 Guinness Book of World Records include Taylor Swift, who won the distinction of "First Solo Female with Two Million-Selling Weeks on the U.S. Albums Chart."

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Who-knew nuptials: Saldana weds Italian artist in hush-hush ceremony

Zoe Saldana was quite sneaky this past weekend, marrying Marco Perego in a super-secret ceremony in London before anyone could catch wise, according to Us Weekly. "It was super small but very romantic and beautiful," says a source of

the ceremony, which was attended by just family and a handful of close friends. Saldana and Italian artist Perego "have known each other for a long time," the source explains, but they hadn't been officially linked until May.

Crushing in Canada: Swift snuggles up to Aussie actor at TIFF party

Taylor Swift may have found a new man in Australian actor Brenton Thwaites. The pair met at a private party at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this week and spent some time getting to know each other, according to People magazine. Swift and

Thwaites nestled into a booth at the Soho House for an hour chatting and "making each other laugh," a source says. Thwaites "had his arm around her back. She touched his leg a few times. They seemed very into each other."

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Metro World News in NYC

Everyone has a price, even Kristen Stewart. And as a New Yorker, I couldn't be more pleased that she does.

In a New York Times article on Harvey Weinstein, the film mogul mentions that he managed to line up a Saudi prince who promised to make a sizable donation to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts — if the Twilight star would hang out with him. When Weinstein got in touch with her, she had a question: How much?

Weinstein drove a hard bargain, settling on \$500,000, paid in advance. Stewart then agreed to hang out with the prince for 15 minutes.

With hurricane season upon us once again, I call for all our Kristen Stewarts to be on high alert in case they're needed for some emergency shmoozing — especially since she'll be



busy in the near future.

The Twilight star has enrolled in a correspondence course at UCLA, where she plans to study English literature.

"Yes, Kristen's a Tinseltown actress worth millions, but she is already considering a life after film. She never got to complete college and she wants to get a proper education," a source tells the Daily Mirror.



John Krasinski and Emily Blunt

Baby Blunt watch: Actors expecting their first bundle of joy

Emily Blunt and John Krasinski are set to become parents for the first time, as Blunt is pregnant with their first child and is due in just a few months, her rep confirms to Us Weekly.

"They both want kids. It's one of the reasons they got a bigger place, in a neighbourhood that you can raise a family," a source says. "They both couldn't be more excited."

Walking with the stars: Famous faces sign up for charity challenge

Prince Harry has some stiff competition for his upcoming charity race to the South Pole, as True Blood star Alexander Skarsgard has signed on to the American team competing in the Walking

With the Wounded South Pole Allied Challenge, a 208-mile trek that raises funds for military charities, according to USA Today. Skarsgard and Harry will be trekking alongside wounded military personnel from their respective countries. "I'm honoured to be working and training alongside these soldiers to raise money and awareness for this very worthy cause," Skarsgard says in a statement.

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Target goes out on a Lim with collection

Romancing the masses. Designer says he's as passionate about creating a \$29.99 shirt as he is about one for \$299

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News in NYC

Phillip Lim believes you're just as busy as he is. It's why the designer — whose hotly anticipated 3.1 Phillip Lim collection for Target hits stores Sunday, just five days after the Spring ready-to-wear line debuts at New York Fashion Week — created an affordable fall line perfect for people on the go. We nailed down Lim to talk about his design process, why menswear is important and how to keep essentials from being boring.

Congratulations on the Target collaboration! What was your main objective for the line?

For me, it was about creating a chic, easy and cool collection for real people. I focused on the idea of a romanced reality and having ideas, products, clothes and accessories on the go for this romance.

How would you describe the codes of the 3.1 Phillip Lim brand?



Lim's 100-piece offering consists of chic, understated essentials you can rely on for just about any occasion — there's even a grab-and-go pack with underthings for those surprise last-minute trips. GETTY IMAGES

Phillip Lim is designed for the global citizen on the move with understated, elegant clothes that imbue a strong sense of discovery with hidden details just for the wearer.

Your Target line has a

strong focus on menswear. Why was it important to include the guys?

Men are embracing fashion more and it was important to me that I create a collection for both men and women to easily incorporate fashion into their wardrobes and their everyday lives.

Retail reminiscence

Do you still shop at Target?

- Yes, Target has just about everything. As a child, I remember Target as that place to get everything and just thinking, "they have everything here, all the dreams are here!"

The collection is full of practical-yet-cool essentials. How did you keep these pieces from being boring?

When in doubt, you can never go wrong with solids. It's important to stock up on chic basics as they cannot only be worn at different hours of the day, but also from season to season. Once that foundation was established, I sprinkled in things or ideas from my own collection.

How did you choose to bring back certain pieces from your main line such as the comic book motif and colour block pastels?

I took inspiration from archival pieces that we thought would also be of interest to Target's guests. All in all, designing the collection was a very similar process to that of my main collection, because in the end, I put the same amount of passion, energy, spirit, and time into designing the \$29.99 shirt as I would for the \$299 shirt.

It's been a busy year for you. After your show wraps, what are your plans?

Hopefully I will be off on the beach somewhere!

Model call



Erin Wasson. GETTY IMAGES

In the moment with Erin Wasson

We caught up with the model at Vevo and Style Network's Styled to Rock party to find out about her runway outing at Alexander Wang and her fall wish list.

What are you looking forward to wearing this fall?

"I love outerwear. I love a good jacket. I love a good boot. It's a time where you get to personify fashion because you get to create more layers."

What's on your fall shopping list?

"I just moved into a new house four months ago. So I'm obsessed with interior design right now. I geek out about lighting fixtures."

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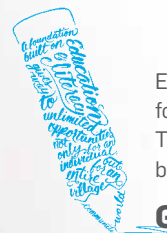
- The popular shape of eyebrows evolves endlessly, from caterpillar-thick to super skinny arches and everything in between. Go online to see what the latest look is as seen on two current 'it' girls in film and fashion and let me know which eyebrow shape you prefer.

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Take a walk on the flat side

Heels are great, but sometimes we're looking for something a little less, well, heeled. When it's fashion week and you're running from show to show, or simply any given week when it's office to bar to dinner, your feet will thank you for a beautiful break. **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Wheel of the non-heel

Clockwise from top right:

- Tabitha Simmons Alexa Velvet Flats, \$600: Shoe-scribe.
- Christian Louboutin Intern Studded Flannel Velvet Slippers, \$928: Net-A-Porter.
- Penelope Chilvers Dandy Needlepoint Slippers, \$403: Penelope Chilvers.
- Valentino Rockstud Ballerina Flats, \$697: Modewalk.
- Jenni Kayne Pointed Toe Pony Hair Flats, \$525: Forward Forward.
- Antipodium For ASOS Climax Lace Up Shoes, \$117: ASOS.
- 3.1 Phillip Lim Quinn Metallic Loafers, \$592: My-Wardrobe.

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Caitlin

Graphic designer and bartender

What she's wearing

H&M hat, American Apparel crop top, UNIF skirt, vintage belt and Michael Kors heels.

Her inspiration

"Images and videos from Tumblr, YouTube and blogs! My favourite YouTube channel to watch for fashion ideas is Clothes Encounters."

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Curried Lamb Casserole: Not mom's can-of-soup creation

Curried Lamb Casserole with Sweet Potatoes



This recipe serves four and contains 296 calories per serving. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING.



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Casseroles are excellent one-dish meals.

You can substitute stewing beef and use any combination of other root vegetables such as potatoes, turnips or parsnips.

Serve this over rice, polenta, mashed potatoes or a grain

of your choice.

1. Dust lamb with flour.

2. In large nonstick oven pot, heat oil, sauté lamb for 2 minutes or just until seared all over. Remove lamb and set aside.

3. To pot, add garlic and onion and sauté for 5 minutes until soft. Add carrots and green

peppers and mushrooms and sauté for another 5 minutes or until mushrooms are no longer wet.

4. Add sweet potatoes, stock, wine, tomato paste and curry powder. Return lamb to pan; cover and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally until lamb is tender. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (ROBERT ROSE) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 3/4 lb boneless leg of lamb, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- All-purpose flour for dusting
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup finely chopped sweet green pepper
- 1 cup cubed peeled sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 1/2 cups beef stock
- 1/3 cup red wine
- 3 tbsp tomato paste
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Rates. No need to panic for long term



LESLEY SCORGIE
For Metro

Rising mortgage rates have some Canadians in a panic to lock in for the long term.

But higher rates aren't necessarily bad. They force prospective homebuyers to

save more prior to making their purchase, and ensure their personal debt levels are kept in check, ultimately protecting the broader Canadian economy from the perils of lax lending practices as seen in recent global financial crises.

Besides federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty giving the banking industry a political nudge, fixed mortgage

rates are rising due to the fact that they are closely tied to investor demand for government bonds, which has been on the rise.

One of the key implications of rising fixed mortgage rates is that it will be harder to qualify for a mortgage. This is because all mortgage applicants must now qualify under the posted five-year fixed

mortgage rate, regardless of whether they select that type of mortgage or not.

Before you hang your head in frustration and give up on your search for a new home, rest assured, fixed mortgage rates are still highly attractive compared to historical standards. But you may need to save more for your down payment or reduce your debt

levels in order to qualify. The silver lining in both of these options is that you will be better off financially in the long term.

The second implication is that in an environment where rates are increasing, many new homebuyers or owners on variable rate mortgages rush to lock in their rates, shielding themselves from the inevit-

ability of higher borrowing costs. This strategy often suits risk-averse homebuyers.

But because the Bank of Canada's key lending rate, which is what the prime rate is tied to, has not increased in three years, Canadians with a higher appetite for risk can still take advantage of lower rate variable mortgages, which are derived off of the prime rate.



One of the first decisions to make when looking for a mortgage is whether you want financing through your financial institution, such as your local bank, or through a mortgage broker. COLOURBOX

Pros and cons of banker vs. broker

Whether you have decided to purchase a new home or renovate the existing one, one of the first decisions you will have to make is whether to seek out financing through your financial institution, such as your local bank, or through a mortgage broker.

The benefits of working directly with your financial institution are that you may receive preferential rates and reduced fees because the bank wants to keep your business. Banks also offer personal loans or lines of credit, which can be used towards home upgrades, providing homeowners with an alternative to refinancing an existing mortgage, paying cash for or charging renovations to a credit card.

The drawbacks are simply that you are limited to the products and rates offered by your institution.

But with hundreds of mortgage products on the market, it's hard to know whether you are selecting the right one. Therefore, many Canadians are turning to mortgage brokers to help wade through the selection and save money.

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Shop around

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Mortgage brokers work directly with lenders, thus they can often get instant approvals and negotiate better rates and terms on your behalf.

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- **Website.** villagio.empire-communities.com
- **Pricing.** Starting from the \$200,000s

The project overview

Located in beautiful downtown Maple, Villagio is a showcase of urban living at its best, with 56 condominiums and townhomes by architect Kohn Architects. The project offers contemporary finishes and streamlined architecture with occupancy set for late 2014.

Location and transit

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Building and development in the GTA is a complicated matter and our association is constantly working with our government partners to ensure that this industry continues to build safe, affordable, complete communities throughout the region.

One of my goals as BILD President and CEO is to help spread the facts about the industry by extending our reach to include new home buyers and GTA residents, in addition to government representatives and industry professionals.

This is why BILD has partnered with HOMES Publishing and the Real Estate Talk Show to host a free consumer-focused real estate seminar to add some clarity to the conversation.

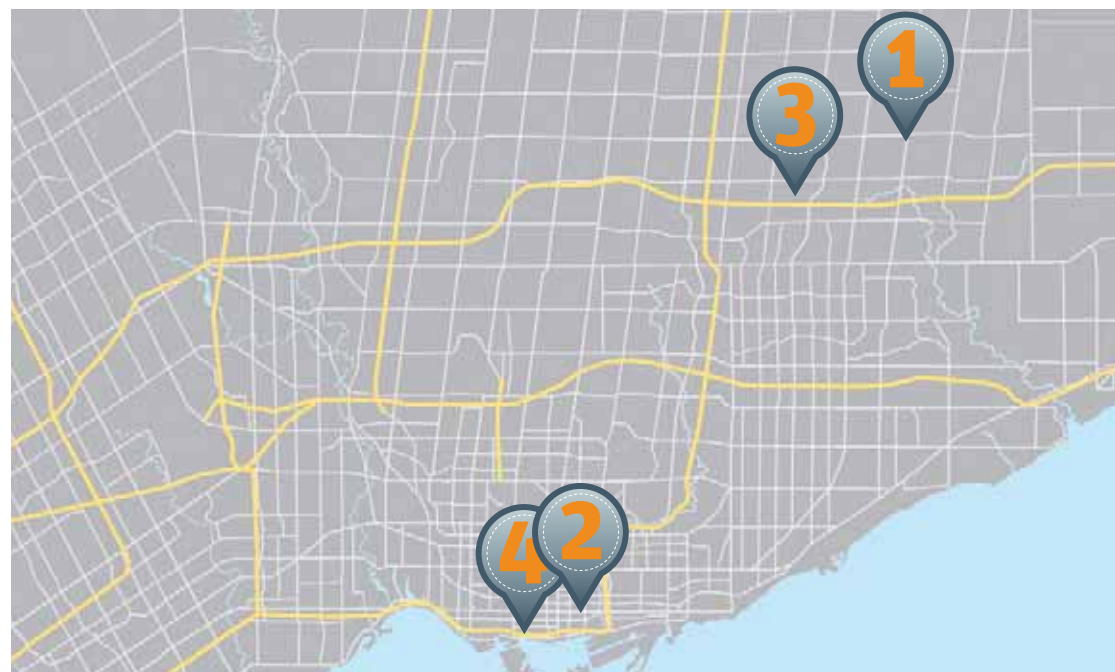
The seminar will take place Oct. 5 on the main stage of the Better Living Centre

in Exhibition Place as part of the Fall Home Show and will focus on buying, selling and investing in the GTA. It will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and those in attendance are free to explore the show after it's over. The seminar is geared toward first-time buyers, downsizers, investors, lenders, realtors and industry enthusiasts. The panel will be moderated by Real Estate Talk Show co-host Erin McCoy and will feature her co-host Simon Giannini, CMHC's Mary Stergiadis, Scotiabank's Barry Ray, In2ition Realty's Debbie Cosic and myself.

The conversation will follow some of the challenges and opportunities faced by the building and development industry, new and resale home purchasing, mortgage lending in the GTA and more. The panellists are all respected industry professionals whose combined knowledge offers and endless supply of valuable information for those in attendance. I feel privileged to share a podium with them.

The first 350 attendees will even receive a swag bag with some gifts and literature about BILD and the industry. There will even be some draw prizes as well. Register for the seminar at realestatetalkshow.com. Tickets are limited so don't delay. This is one seminar you don't want to miss.

What's hot on the condo market



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'Short-term pain for long-term gain' for Harbourfront Toronto



CONDO TRENDS
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Harbourfront condo dwellers are finally able to enjoy the extensive Queens Quay makeover — a major project spearheaded by Waterfront Toronto that will see the transformation of 1.7 km of Toronto's main waterfront street into a grand boulevard.

The ongoing initiative promises to radically alter the look and vibe of Queen's Quay at the foot of Lower Simcoe Street.

It's business as usual at Harbourfront Centre as they complete the final phase of revitalization at York Quay, creating new public and green spaces along the central waterfront.

Condo residents in the buildings surrounding the construction — Waterclub, Riviera, Harbour Point and Queen's Quay Terminal — have long endured traffic congestion, noise, disruptions, dust and inconvenience.

"Short-term pain for long-term gain." That's how Harbourfront's director of site operations, Helder Melo, sums it up. "With the promenades on the south side of the existing Queen's Quay and the bike lanes and all the trees that are going in, I think it'll be a real happening area once it gets done."

At York Quay, a 1.4 hectare patch of land, previously an unsightly legacy parking lot occupying one of Toronto's more select loca-

tions, was converted into a 300-car underground parking facility by Waterfront Toronto. The facility opened last year.

Plans are now underway to populate the land above the parking garage with two new public squares.

Ontario Square faces Queen's Quay and is based on the idea of the Boreal Forest in Ontario with 450 aspen trees already planted. Canada Square faces the lake and is planted with 50 large Metasequoia redwood trees.

"One of the squares will be quite active and the other one will be quite reflective and quiet because that's what we've heard from the residential communities," explains Harbourfront CEO Bill Boyle.

Although the project has had its share of complaints by pedestrians and the public about the noise and disruption, the outcome promises to be an enormous improvement over what was there previously.

"There has been nothing done really for well over 20 years and the streetscape was nonexistent really," says Melo.

Further along in the timeline, there are plans for a Cultural Village on the property between the Queen's Quay terminal and the Power Plant.

"The final stage of our development, which is about four to five years off," will eventually be developed into small, two and three-storey structures that will house restaurants, pubs, small retail and artist and architects' studios, explains Boyle.



While the Harbourfront projects has had its share of pedestrian complaints, the outcome looks to be an improvement.
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Two new public squares are planned for the land above the parking garage. CONTRIBUTED/WATERFRONT TORONTO

Legal Matters

Interest on my deposit

I purchased an unbuilt condominium a few years ago and now the building is up, we have been in possession of the unit for some months and we are finally closing on the property. We received the Statement of Adjustments that set out the amounts to be adjusted for at the closing and we are credited the deposits that we paid to the builder but there is no interest on these deposits. I remember the Agreement of Purchase and Sale had a paragraph that set out that we were to receive interest on our deposits. Why are we not getting any credit on the adjustments?



LEGAL MATTERS
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Under section 82 of the Condominium Act of Ontario, the builder is required to pay the purchaser a prescribed interest rate on monies held in trust.

However, this rate is deemed to be two per cent below the Bank of Canada rate, which is hovering around the one per cent mark and has been for a number of years.

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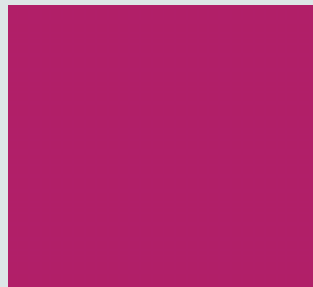
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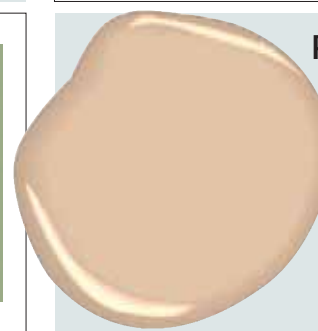
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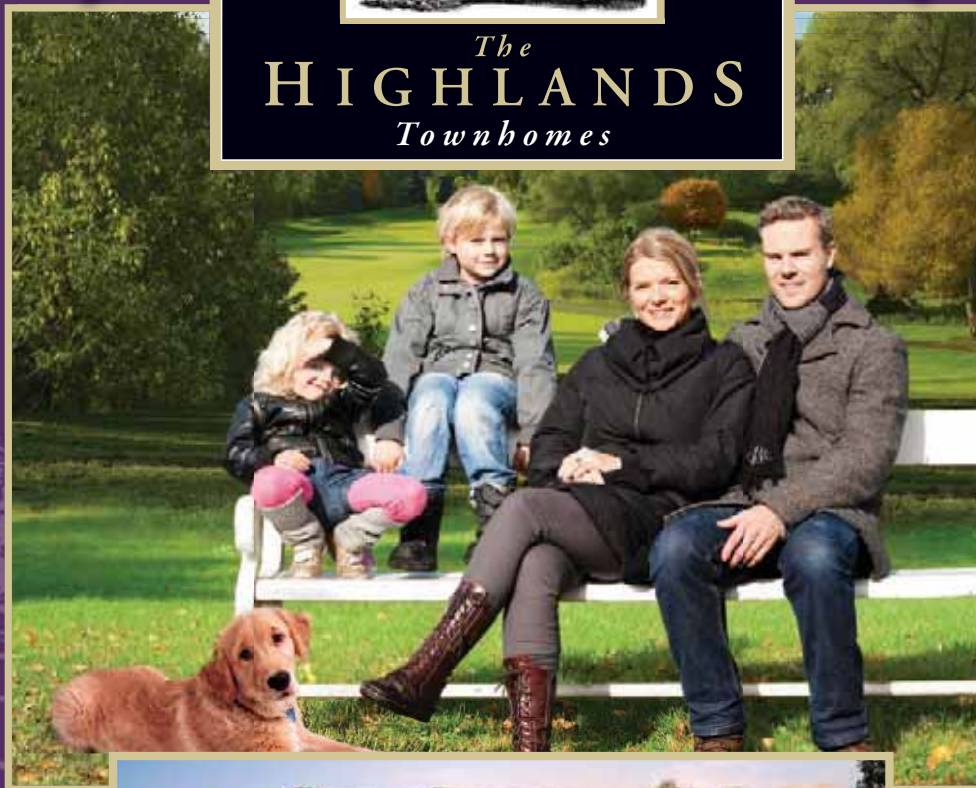
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Furniture bridging gap between function, art

Design. Custom pieces that consider function and esthetics are attracting buyers

It was function, not art, that led Christina Hilborne to a career as a furniture designer and maker. Yet the custom furnishings created by her

and others, which bridge the gap between function and art, have also piqued a growing interest among those willing to invest.

"I was living with a roommate at the time and we were poor," said Hilborne. "We needed a recycling bin, and I decided to make one."

It was the first thing the Victoria-based designer and maker had created, and the

experience was so gratifying she immediately enrolled in a pre-apprenticeship program in bench work and joinery followed by apprenticing as a cabinetmaker.

Even though it was the act of making that led Hilborne to her career, she doesn't just consider the purpose of a piece before she creates one.

"I consider function, es-

thetics and ethics," she said. "I first think about what materials I can use that are considerate to the planet, and how I can best use them so I don't waste much."

The materials Hilborne chooses for their environmental impact also affect the look of the piece, but she is careful not to call herself an artist.

"I have a lot of friends who



Victoria, B.C.-based furniture designer Christina Hilborne's Eureka desk is shown in a handout photo. It was function, not art, that led Hilborne to a career as a furniture designer and maker. CONTRIBUTED

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are artists and I wouldn't be so arrogant as to count myself among them," she said.

"They are painters and sculptors and I really don't feel that I am of that calibre. I am a maker or creator because I do design, but I also make."

Vancouver furniture designer and maker Christian Woo agrees with Hilborne's feelings about identifying himself as an artist.

Woo — who had been woodworking since before high school — has gained a reputation for his minimalist, modern pieces.

"I collect art from friends and they are mainly paintings, and photographs, but there is definitely an artistry in the things I am produ-

cing," said Woo.

"There is much time spent in the overall composition of my pieces and so if I think in those terms there is definitely an artistry in the work."

Customers are noticing the artistry in furniture by designers like Woo, and are beginning to collect it like they would art.

"I know from working with clients and having my pieces purchased, good furniture and a good piece of design really is functional art," he said.

"I think it's a good place to park your money if you want something beautiful, that works and enhances your home."

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Butler tips

Myth? Try this product for Dandruff relief



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Recently while doing some research for an upcoming television segment I was exploring the different uses for baking soda. I found one in particular to share that's so great, I now use it almost every day myself. You see, I suffer from dandruff. It is embarrassing and so after trying every shampoo in

to see a dermatologist who gave me a special medicated shampoo. It works perfectly and I am very happy. But while doing my research I read that washing your scalp with baking soda also helps control dandruff, so the next time I jumped into the shower I wet my scalp then scrubbed lightly with pure baking soda and let it sit while I finished my shower before rinsing it out. And to my great surprise it really works! My head has stopped itching and I don't have a dandruff issue. It is so easy and works so well I just had to share this with all of you! Give it a try and write back and tell me your personal experiences.



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Pass the salt and get out of my office: The art of creating a work space at home

Live-work. Working from the house means needing a place that is practical and functional

The digital age has created various new career opportunities including an increased demand for those who can integrate live-work spaces.

"I think live-work spaces are becoming more common because technology allows for that," said Peter Schinning, architectural designer and owner of SOS Design.

Schinning's design firm specializes in practical spaces that often maximize a small footprint of as little as 186 square metres (2,000 square feet).

Designing live-work spaces like the one he uses in his home or another he created for a Victoria graphic designer means maximizing the efficiency of the space.

"When you have to live and work in the same place it has to be practical; it has to be very functional," he said. "Another thing is if you work from home, for us, for example, it means we have no transportation to go to work. We don't have to worry about

that."

Schinning, like many other entrepreneurs who have chosen to combine their living and work spaces, did so because his work schedule didn't fit the traditional 9-to-5 office hours. He often found himself working at odd hours and it was more practical to walk downstairs than commute to an office.

"I often work late into the night and work when I need to work," he said. "Except for brief moments in my life, I've mostly worked from home."

While practicality is an important part of creating live-work spaces, Jason Halter, architect and owner of Toronto's Wonder Inc., said creating distinctions between private and work areas is also necessary.

"You always need to step away from where you are immediately working, but it also doesn't really make sense to put a bed in the middle of your studio, whether you're an artist or a welder," said Halter.

According to Halter an advantage for artists who choose to inhabit live-work spaces is having immediate access to projects being worked on.

Halter designed a live-

work space for Winnipeg artist Kent Monkman. In what was a former industrial garage, Halter used his background in sustainable design to create an efficient space that functioned as a home and an artist studio.

In addition to installing a green roof, beautiful concrete floors and a Douglas fir staircase to a loft bedroom and private space, Halter said maximizing the light was essential in Monkman's home.

"Part of the challenge was that (Monkman) at the beginning didn't know if it was going to be part studio or all studio," said Halter. "It quickly became clear that he needed more light and we added more skylights to create lighting in an interesting way."

"Lighting plays a considerable role in a space like this for a visual artist like Kent."

Even though interest in live-work spaces has increased, Halter said he's had a passion for them ever since living in one himself while living and working in Vancouver.

"I think certainly working from home in the Internet age is one of the best outcomes that we could kind of conceive of," he said.

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Interest in live-work spaces has increased. VERONIQUE DA SILVA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS

Toronto FC winless in six games after draw with Fire

Robert Earnshaw scored midway through the first half to earn Toronto FC a 1-1 draw with the Chicago Fire in MLS play Wednesday night.

The result may have been costly for offensively challenged Toronto with Earnshaw leaving minutes later with an injury seemingly sustained while scoring.

Toronto (4-13-11) did not help itself on offence, with several instances of players selfishly trying shots themselves rather than passing to open teammates. And it needed a game-saving close-range stop from goalie Joe Bendik in the 80th minute on Quincy Amarikwa to preserve the tie.

Toronto, coming off the heels of a 4-0 loss in Portland, is now winless in six games (0-3-3). Its last victory was Aug. 4 over New England.

Chicago's goal came in the 20th minute via a looping ball from midfielder Dilly Duka.

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Ripping the Reds

"There once was magic at BMO Field. The latest reshuffle has made the possibility of that magic returning almost certainly disappear."



Former Toronto mayor David Miller, who ripped into Toronto FC in a public letter Wednesday, while returning the remainder of his 2013 season tickets.



Nazem Kadri participates in a video production during the opening day of Maple Leafs training camp on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kadri ready to light up training camp

NHL. Young centre glad dispute over contract is over; Franson left unsigned and absent from team activities

Nazem Kadri was relieved to have a new deal, and that emotion extended to his Toronto Maple Leafs teammates who won't have to answer questions about his status.

"They are glad it's over," Kadri said. "I'm sure they'll take me out for a nice dinner on me."

Fresh off signing a \$5.8-million US, two-year contract, the

restricted free-agent centre was all smiles and ready to move past the summer squabbling as he reported to training camp. But with defenceman Cody Franson unsigned and no extensions yet for captain Dion Phaneuf and star Phil Kessel, the Maple Leafs still face plenty of contract questions.

The most pressing situation is that of Franson, the only one of the 59 players invited to camp who did not report.

"My deal's out of the way now, and hopefully Franny and his agent could come together and come to terms because he's a big piece of our team," Kadri said. "I know everyone wants him back and I know he wants to be back. It's just a

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"If he wants to play here, and if we want to have him, I believe we end up finding a way to make a deal."

Leafs GM Dave Nonis on restricted free agent Cody Franson

matter of when."

Judging by what general manager Dave Nonis had to say Wednesday, it could be a while unless the 26-year-old blue-liner moves closer to the Maple Leafs' negotiating position like Kadri did. Nonis said the team wasn't prepared

to change its stance on Kadri, crediting him for wanting to be there for the first day of camp.

Now the pressure is on Franson.

"We've made him an offer that we want him to take," Nonis said. "He's declined to take it. At this point, we're going to move ahead with the players we have here in camp."

Nonis wasn't afraid to boast about Toronto's depth on defence. Beyond Phaneuf, Carl Gunnarsson, Jake Gardiner, John-Michael Liles and Mark Fraser, the Maple Leafs will also give prospect Morgan Rielly and free-agent signee Paul Ranger hard looks in training camp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trumbo jumbo again to help Wilson get win vs. Jays



The Angels' C.J. Wilson got his 16th win of the season on Wednesday night in Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Angels outfielder follows up 5-hit performance with 2-run shot a night later

C.J. Wilson won his eighth straight decision and Kole Calhoun drove in two runs on sacrifice flies Wednesday as the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4.

Calhoun snapped a 4-4 tie with his second sacrifice fly of the game in the eighth inning.

Mark Trumbo also hit a two-run home run for the Angels a night after going 5-for-5 with four extra-base hits and five runs scored in L.A.'s 12-6 win over the Blue Jays in the series opener.

Moises Sierra had two doubles and a triple with an RBI for Toronto.

Wilson (16-6) allowed four hits, four walks and four runs (three earned) while striking

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out six over seven innings to improve to 12-1 in 17 starts since June 14.

Blue Jays knuckleballer R.A. Dickey did not factor in the decision after allowing seven hits and four runs in 5 1/3 innings.

Toronto reliever Steve Delabar (5-3) walked Mike Trout with one out in the eighth and Josh Hamilton moved him to third with a double to right.

Trumbo was intentionally walked to load the bases and Calhoun hit a sacrifice fly to left to put the Angels ahead 5-4.

Ernesto Frieri induced three pop flies in the ninth for his 32nd save. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Olympics. New IOC leader wants more participation, less big business in bids

Newly elected IOC president Thomas Bach made it clear Wednesday that he wants to change the bidding process for future Olympics and to make sustainable development a key priority.

In what could be seen as a reference to discontent in Brazil at the spiralling cost of two major sporting competitions — the 2016 Olympics and the 2014 World Cup — Bach said he wants the populations of potential host cities to “be part of the candidature at a very early stage” to ensure “more

participation and support.”

Bach added that he believes the current bidding system asks for “too much, too early” and leads to predictability, rather than creativity.

“We approach potential candidate cities like you would do in business.... All the bid books are written by the same people around the world — you get the same answers,” he said.

On Saturday, Tokyo was selected to host the 2020 Summer Olympics, fending off rival bids from Istanbul and Madrid.

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NFL

Suh not shook by \$100,000 fine

Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh says he isn't going to change what he does on the field.

And he's appealing his latest fine, too.

Suh was fined \$100,000

for an illegal block on a Minnesota Vikings player in the Lions' season-opening win last weekend. It is the NFL's biggest monetary fine for on-field conduct, not including the dollars lost by players due to suspensions.

“I'm going to continue to play hard, blue-collar football,” Suh said.

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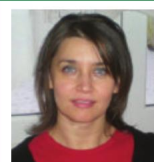


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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you're not in the mood for work then don't push it. Your perspective on life is changing and because of that you may find it hard to focus on one thing at a time. It's no big deal.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Anything of a serious nature should be left until tomorrow or even the weekend because you won't be able to give it your best shot today. Come tomorrow, you may decide it's not worth any kind of shot.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

A domestic problem requires a solution and the only way you are going to find it is by giving the situation your full attention. Don't let sob stories steer you away from the truth.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Let everyone know what you think and let everyone know that you are not the sort who can be easily fooled. A positive, confident attitude will work wonders today, even if you are trembling a bit on the inside.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are worrying too much about your finances. Yes, of course, you have bills to pay but dwelling on it won't solve your cash flow issues. Get out there and make some money.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It may at times seem as if the world is a hostile place but it's not as bad as you think. Make an effort to see the good things, and good people, around you today. You'll feel better on every level.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever your aims in life, the most important thing you can do right now is make others happy. You have a gift for making people smile. Use it.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

No matter what bad things may be going on in the world, you are fortunate enough to be surrounded by people who genuinely care for you. They think you're special, and you are. Treat them special, too.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't let others' negativity rub off on you. You do best when you are cheerful, so steer clear of those who seem to enjoy wallowing in despair.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

A small act of kindness on your part will make a big difference to someone you interact with today. Don't just go through the motions. Connect with them. It's about being human.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Sometimes you take life too seriously and that seems to be your main problem at the moment. Yes, of course, things could be better but, on the other hand, are they really so bad? It depends how you look at the world.

Pisces

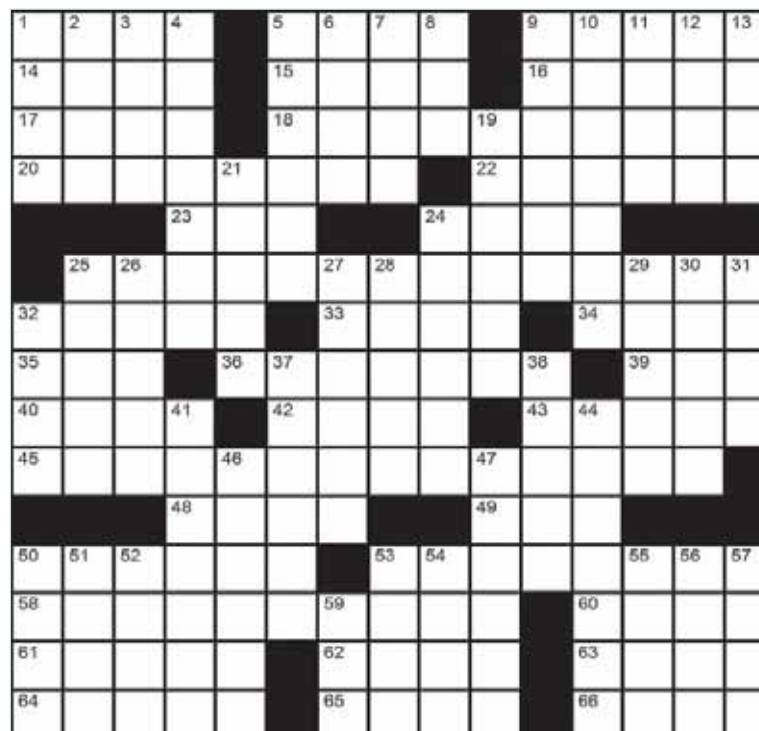
Feb. 20 - March 20

A loved one's words may be jumbled and hard to understand but make the effort anyway because once you "get" the message they are trying to convey, you will see how relevant it is to you. Listen and learn. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Orange covering
5. Shoe type
9. Feigned flattery
14. Interest
15. Famous spy, Mata
16. (Not difficult school course, in slang)
17. "Say it ___ so!"
18. 1997 Radiohead album: 2 wds.
20. Cuisine of Quebec: Tourtieres are what?: 2 wds.
22. In jeopardy: 2 wds.
23. Suffix with 'Auction'
24. Unfeigned
25. Beginning of Longfellow's poem Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie... "This is the ___"
32. Cock-a-doodle-doo time
33. Goo Goo Dolls hit
34. Singer Ms. Mouskouri
35. Switch selections
36. Triangular spicily-stuffed pastries
39. Single
40. Many a moon
42. Ho Chi ___ City
43. Lazybones
45. Garlic press, and others: 2 wds.
48. Phoned
49. Texter's "Are you serious?!"
50. Happen



53. Band that covered Joni Mitchell's song "This Flight Tonight"
58. Type of agent: 2 wds.
60. Repeat
61. The J. ___ Band
62. Cosmetics company
63. Actress Ms. Gray

64. Accounting firm, ___ & Young
65. Sprightliness
66. "You ___ My Battleship!"

Down

1. Refined
2. Informality
3. Famous volcano

4. ___ (What 'Flavour' in Canada has that 'Flavor' in The States doesn't)
5. Sunday performers
6. Toronto's water, ___ Ontario
7. Creatures of folklore
8. Armani fragrance,

- Acqua Di ___
9. Nose part
10. Ms. McTeer (Wife of 16th Prime Minister Joe Clark)
11. Sparkling wine city of Italy
12. Whiskey grains
13. Mr. Wahlberg
19. Ms. Tomei of

- movies
21. Friends, in slang
24. Country songstress Ms. Yearwood
25. Mushrooms, as examples
26. Commencement
27. "Bad ___" by Blue Rodeo
28. Pitchfork part
29. Bank safe
30. Author Ms. Rice's
31. Hideaway
32. Drench
37. Betters
38. Greek alphabet's 'S'
41. Monk's manuscripts
44. Donald Sutherland movie, "Six ___ of Separation" (1993)
46. Most hearty
47. Amounts in egg cartons
50. Cheer on
51. Not ever, poetically
52. Gladly
53. Place for pews
54. Perched on
55. Stockings shade
56. Watered down
57. Use the car's horn
59. Pencil's noise-on-desk sound

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